

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday, February 2nd, 2009 at 7 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order. Councilpersons Bill Lytle, David Muth, Ken Tiarks and Jeff Wells were present. Councilmember Scott Anderson arrived at 8 pm. There were also two residents, and two representatives from the Zearing/McCallsburg Library in attendance.

Lytle motioned and Muth seconded to approve the agenda and minutes of the January 5th meeting, the January 19th workshop and financial reports. All ayes with Anderson absent.

Revenue for January 2009

General Income - \$3,530.56
Road Use Fund - \$1,285.58
Water Utility Income - \$3,714.94
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,353.45
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,027.60
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$235.65
TOTAL INCOME: \$13,147.78

Claims Paid for January 2009

Garbage - \$1,600.45
Electric - \$913.68
Phone & Internet - \$103.37
Payroll - \$1,469.34
Publishing - \$75.47
Taxes - \$1,130.01
Water & Sewer - \$2,083.40
Repairs & Maintenance - \$2,686.31
Office Supplies & Postage - \$320.58
Hall Backhoe - \$440.00
Debt Payments - \$2,927.33
Accounting - \$50.00
IPERS - \$99.84
IA One Call - \$8.00
Contributions - \$1,250.00
Rent - \$250.00
Police - \$3,418.50
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$18,826.28

A citizen stated that the intersection at Latrobe and 1st Street is dangerous and asked the council if a yield sign could be placed at the intersection. Councilman Lytle and Wells said a stop sign would be more effective. The council agreed. Mayor Loney will order new signs. The same citizen complained that the street light over that intersection was flickering. Mayor Loney said he would call Alliant to fix the problem.

Brandon Hendrickson as a representative of the Fire Department spoke to the council about the grant the Fire Department is applying for to buy a new truck. Mr. Hendrickson said that Fire Department planned to write the grant for \$100,000 and that they would like the city to match 5%.

The mayor stated that he was concerned about the city's budget for snow removal this year and that the city was getting close to exhausting the budgeted funds. Mayor Loney stated that the city has already spent \$1,200 more on sand than it had last winter.

Sue Peterson and Kathy Oringer from the Zearing/McCallsburg Library presented copies of the grant that was applied for last year. Mrs. Oringer said the grant had been written at the end of July 2008 and e-mailed to Councilmember Muth for review. Councilman Wells asked Peterson & Oringer how the media obtained from the grant would be divided. Mrs. Peterson stated that anything with a Zearing barcode does not permanently reside in the McCallsburg Library. Peterson rotates out books from Zearing to fit the reading requests of the participants in McCallsburg. The new movies will be brought over on Thursdays during library hours for McCallsburg patrons to check out but will not stay in McCallsburg. Peterson and Oringer also stated that the laptop purchased under the grant will be kept at the Zearing Library and brought over on Thursdays for patrons to use. Councilman Wells told Peterson and Oringer that the information had been helpful and he thanked them for their time.

The Clerk informed the council that she and the mayor had a meeting with Kurt Hiatt an IPERS representative on January 22nd in the city office. After speaking with Mr. Hiatt it was discovered that the IPERS office had no paperwork on any of the council members. Because of this the clerk handed out forms to the councilmen and the mayor to fill out stating whether they wanted to opt out of IPERS or receive IPERS benefits in the future.

The council agreed that it was time to start accepting bids for the 2009 mowing season. Bid sheets can be picked up in the city office. Bid Sheets must be turned in no later than March 2nd, 2009.

Mayor Loney informed the council that the City of Zearing is putting in a new pump cell and are getting rid of their old controls and pumps. The City of Zearing has offered to sell these items to McCallsburg. Mayor Loney stated that the control panel and pumps from Zearing had been purchased in 2003. Mayor Loney suggested an offer of \$1,000 to \$3,000 for the items. Councilman Lytle suggested having Electric Pump attend the City's March council meeting to discuss the issue further. Councilman Tiarks suggested having Electric Pump bring maintenance records for the Zearing pumps to the council meeting. Mayor Loney said he would contact Electric Pump and invite them to attend the March 2nd meeting.

Councilman Lytle made a motion to pass Resolution #09-01 which sets March 2nd, 2009 as the date for the Public Hearing on the city budget for FY '09 – '10. Councilman Wells seconded the motion. All ayes with Anderson absent.

The insurance company for the City of McCallsburg has asked that Parcels 1, 3 and 7 be secured against entry to reduce liability costs. Mayor Loney stated he had all three buildings located by IA One Call and contacted Vern Nelson about boarding up the buildings.

It was decided to leave the prices and marketing on the Owen D. Fincham lots as is.

Mayor Loney informed the council that the fence on Parcel #65 has not been repaired as requested by the council. The mayor has also spoken to the County Health Director about coming to inspect the property so the council could finish with approval of the Business Permit.

The council and clerk worked on the city budget for FY '09-'10.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday March 2nd, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Lytle made a motion to adjourn. Muth seconded. All ayes.

Wallace W. Loney, Mayor

ATTEST: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk

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