

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday, January 7th, 2008 at 7 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order. Councilpersons Scott Anderson, Bill Lytle, David Muth, Ken Tiarks and Jeff Wells were present. There were also three residents, a representative from the Zearing Library and a representative from the Sheriff's department in attendance.

Mayor Loney added two items to the agenda under new business. Tiarks motioned and Lytle seconded to approve the agenda with Mayor Loney's additions, minutes of the December 3rd, 2007 meeting and financial reports. All ayes.

Revenue for December 2007

General Income - \$2,992.53
Road Use Fund - \$4,298.80
Water Utility Income - \$3,337.39
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,147.02
Solid Waste Revenue - \$1,858.58
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$220.27
Trust and Agency - \$18.52
TIF Revenue - \$8,018.42
Insurance Dividend - \$783.35
TOTAL INCOME: \$23,674.88

Claims Paid for December 2007

Jacobson Enterprises - \$499.26
Trash Man - \$1,673.17
Central Iowa Water - \$1,176.14
Iowa Telecom - \$99.82
Alliant - \$668.64
The Nevada Journal - \$70.36
Treasurer, State of Iowa - \$342.81
Wallace Loney - \$44.98
Jill Wilson - \$60.00
Dorothy Severtson - \$65.00
Sonia Dodd - \$551.85
Iowa Rural Water - \$175.00
Staples - \$57.86
Hall Backhoe - \$4,529.50
David Muth - \$69.24
Jackie Meimann - \$69.24
Kenneth Tiarks - \$66.31
Scott Anderson - \$69.24
William Lytle - \$69.26
Story County Treasurer - \$512.72
The Bookkeepers - \$50.00
Ryerson's - \$279.38
McCaskey Appraisal - \$475.00
Post Office - \$145.00
Ace Hardware - \$14.38
Draintech - \$312.50
Iowa Dept. of Transportation - \$449.40
Story County Auditor - \$816.49

Brown Supply - \$1,810.00
Keith Anderson - \$1,034.00
Central Iowa Televising - \$900.00
IPERS - \$210.70
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$17,367.25

There was a citizen complaint on dogs running loose in town. Muth made a motion and Lytle seconded to send a letter to the owners. All ayes.

The council received a citizen complaint on evergreens in the street right-of-way. The citizen offered to remove the trees if a council member was present to observe. The council agreed this would be a good solution.

Shawn Slezak a representative from the Sheriff's Department gave the council updates on the departments developments in Story County.

A representative from the Zearing Library came to answer any questions the council may have had on the library's funding request. The council said they would look over the library's request next week when they meet for a budget work session. The council was also informed that according to the library's annual report that 12% of patrons at the Zearing Library were from McCallsburg in 2007.

A building permit for Parcel #14 was submitted. It had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee already and the council agreed it looked fine.

Jackie Meimann handed over her city ordinance book to Jeff Wells the city's newest councilman. Wally thanked Jackie for her 20 years of service. The Council also thanked Meimann for her time and insights through the years.

Mayor Loney informed the council that Saturday January 5th, 2008 the Lion's Club and Rick Tjelmand assisted him in removing the Christmas lights from the lampposts. The council agreed they were very fortunate to have such good volunteers.

Mayor Loney also informed the council that there has been some interest from others about mowing for the city this summer. Discussion over mowing contracts will be placed on the February Agenda.

It was noted by Mayor Loney that the shed for the new pump did not get built before the snowfall this year as planned. The council decided to wait until spring to build it but to place the issue on February's agenda.

Mayor Loney decided to make some changes to the council member's arrangements. Councilman Muth will be taken off of animal control and placed on water issues. Councilman Wells will be placed on animal control.

Mayor Loney also informed the council that he has taken care of the removal of Meimann from the wet well call chain and placed councilman Wells on the list.

The clerk asked the council for permission to add an additional day to her work week to catch up on end of year issues. The council agreed.

The plans from Roseland Mackey Harris Architects PC on the new city hall/ library and community center were reviewed. Councilman Muth thought it might be possible to receive FEMA funding for this project if it were also used as an emergency shelter. Mayor Loney agreed to ask FEMA about the possibility of this at a meeting he is to have with them later in the month.

The council was unable to find the exact resolution concerning water utilities for snowbirds and properties for sale. Mayor Loney agreed to call the city attorney to get clarification on this issue.

The letter from Parcel #154 concerning the water bill was discussed. The clerk was instructed to send a letter to the owner.

It was decided that the date for the budget work session would be changed from Monday January 14th to Tuesday January 15th as some members were not able to make the Monday session. The council will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

There was discussion over renewing the Panda Internet Security for the City's computer. The council requested the clerk check with Iowa Telecom for their prices on security before any decisions were made.

Mayor Loney showed the council a request from Kevin Jacobson for an increase in pay to his contract. He asked for a \$0.09 per capita increase. The council agreed and asked that Jacobson provide the city with a monthly report so that if anything were to happen to him the council would have a list of jobs and timeframe to be filled. Anderson made a motion to approve the pay increase. Lytle seconded. On roll call ayes: Anderson, Lytle, Muth, Tiarks, and Wells.

Tax abatement was received by the council. The council reviewed it and had questions about the percentages for the property. Mayor Loney said he would contact the city attorney to find out specifics on this issue.

Mayor Loney mentioned that he has received complaints about the city's water. The Mayor had Central Iowa Water Association do testing in five different locations. The city has not received the results as of yet.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday February 4th, 2008 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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