

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday January 5th, 2009 at 7 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order at 7p.m. Councilpersons Scott Anderson, Bill Lytle, David Muth, Ken Tiarks and Jeff Wells were present. A representative of the Sheriff's Department, City Attorney Robert Huffer and two residents were in attendance.

Lytle motioned and Tiarks seconded to approve the agenda, minutes of the December 1st, 2008 meeting, and financial reports. All ayes.

Revenue for December 2008

General Income - \$3,485.35
Water Utility Income - \$3,806.08
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,690.05
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,305.51
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$240.68
TIF Revenue - \$4,366.59
Road Use Fund - \$1,518.43
Insurance Inc. - \$918.00
TOTAL INCOME: \$19,330.69

Claims Paid for December 2008

Garbage - \$1,825.45
Electric - \$762.54
Payroll - \$3,357.82
Water & Sewer - \$1,586.65
Repairs & Maintenance - \$147.61
Phone & Internet - \$148.48
Office Supplies - \$266.75
Publishing - \$295.21
Debt Payments - \$2,927.33
Taxes & IPERS - \$204.53
Legal Fees - \$5,769.55
Parks & Rec. - \$50.00
Christmas Party - \$114.09
Dues - \$90.00
Donations - \$7,793.00
Rent - \$500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$25,839.01

Sheriff's Deputy Shawn Slajack informed the council that there will be a department budget hearing open to the public on Thursday January 8th, 2009 at 1p.m. The mayor told Slajack that he was impressed with the work the drug taskforce did in Warren Township during the month of December.

Vern Nelson told the council that the American Legion was going to start charging two dollars a day to cover the costs of heating and electricity during the hours the coffee shop is open. The Bethany Lutheran Church has already agreed to help with the costs and Mr. Nelson believed the Lion's club would also make a donation. Mr. Nelson informed the council that should the city decide to help they would only be billed every other month. The council agreed to pay the bill every other month.

Mayor Loney informed the council that due to the icy conditions the meter reader had not been able to get out to read the water meters. The mayor believes the meters will be read on Tuesday the 6th. Because of this the water bills will be sent out later this week.

The council decided that they would make changes to the semi parking ordinance next year when the city has to recodify their ordinances.

The owner of Parcel #65 did apply for and paid the fee for a business permit. Councilman Lytle said he had done an inspection of the property at the end of December. Lytle said the only repairs that needed to be done would be to the north fence where it had been blown down. The clerk was instructed to send a notice to the owner informing him of the inspection.

The mayor told the council that Parcel #45 was up for sale again. The property is being sold through a Sherriff's sale on February 10th. City Attorney Robert Huffer informed the council they could either leave the nuisance until after the sale or remove the junk after the current residents move out and before the sale. The council took no action.

Councilman Muth informed the council that the city could upgrade the city's internet and add service at the legion for \$20.00/month. The council agreed to look at purchasing a laptop to place in the legion for residents to use during the coffee shop hours.

The council will meet January 12th in the City Office at 7p.m. for a budget workshop. Councilmen Muth and Tiarks stated they may be late but did plan on attending. The clerk was instructed to ask the library board to appear at 8p.m. to make their proposal so all council members could be in attendance.

Mr. Thompson contacted a couple of the council members about possibly extending the time he had to remove items from Parcels 1, 3 and 7. The council agreed to allow Mr. Thompson an additional two days to finish removing his items. The clerk was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Thompson making him aware of the additional days. City Attorney Robert Huffer suggested to the council that Parcels 1, 3 and 7 be secured come January 8th. The clerk was instructed to check with the city's insurance company about liability insurance on the three parcels.

The clerk informed the council that the city's internet security would expire in March. Councilman Tiarks made a motion to renew the city's current internet security. Lytle seconded all ayes.

Mayor Loney asked the council if they would like him to remove the water meter and cut off the sewer to Parcel #160. Councilman Anderson suggested that the mayor wait until spring when the ground thaws.

City Attorney Robert Huffer asked the council if they would like him to continue with the condemnation process of Parcel #81. The council decided to table the matter until September.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday February 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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