

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Tuesday July 8th, 2008 at 7 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.. Councilpersons Bill Lytle, David Muth and Ken Tiarks were present. Council member Jeff Wells was absent. Councilman Scott Anderson arrived at 7:58 p.m. City Attorney Robert Huffer, Rodney Bunn from the Sherriff's Department, Senator Richard Olive, Chris Kehoe from Trash Man and one resident were in attendance.

Lytle motioned and Muth seconded to approve the agenda, minutes of the June 2nd meeting, and financial reports. All ayes with Anderson and Wells absent.

Revenue for June 2008

General Income - \$3,002.55
Water Utility Income - \$3,847.26
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,697.57
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,303.71
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$258.07
Employee Benefits - \$0.03
Insurance – Inc - \$0.15
TIF Revenue - \$13.12
Road Use Fund - \$3,539.77
TOTAL INCOME: \$15,662.23

Claims Paid for June 2008

Trash Man - \$2,188.12
Central Iowa Water - \$1,254.73
Iowa Telecom - \$98.29
Alliant - \$845.89
The Nevada Journal - \$225.88
Treasurer, State of Iowa - \$327.00
Sonia Dodd - \$971.13
A & M Mowing - \$1,550.00
City of Ames - \$1,669.50
Jacobson Enterprises - \$527.88
Jill Wilson - \$60.00
Karen Beahl - \$65.00
Portable Pro - \$75.00
State Bank & Trust - \$5,854.66
The Bookkeepers - \$50.00
Wallace Loney - \$986.67
Ahlens & Cooney - \$2,040.80
Central Iowa Televising - \$550.00
David Muth - \$69.26
Electric Pump - \$1,063.39
Heartland Co-op - \$80.00
Howe's Welding - \$90.00
Iowa DNR - \$38.53
IA League of Cities - \$40.00
IA One Call - \$20.00
IPERS - \$242.19
Jeff Wells - \$69.26
KAM Line Highway Painting - \$245.00
Keith Anderson - \$2,013.00

Ken Tiarks - \$66.33
MVTL - \$180.00
Post Office - \$54.00
Ryerson's - \$144.95
Ryerson Implement - \$209.70
Scott's Sales Company - \$773.53
Scott Anderson - \$69.26
Staples - \$52.39
True Value Hardware - \$27.02
United States Treasurer - \$773.46
William Lytle - \$69.26
Zearing Library - \$4,680.00
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$30,411.08

Rodney Bunn updated the council on happenings within the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Bunn informed the council that he was promoted to an Investigative Sheriff. Also the Sheriff's Department has been doing driver's education talks. Patrol time in McCallsburg during the month of June was 25 hours 22 minutes with 19 calls. Sheriff Bunn made it known to the council and public that the website storycountyjailroster.com lists all of the inmates in the Story County Jail and their offenses. The Mayor said he was grateful to the Sheriff's department on their excellent handling of the suicide call in town.

The Clerk reminded the council that the City Office would be closed during the weeks of July 14th & 21st while she attended Clerk's Academy in Ames.

The smoking ban went into effect July 1st. The Clerk informed the council that no smoking signs were needed on many of the City's vehicles and buildings. Both City Attorney Huffer and Senator Olive mentioned that free signs were available on the Department of Health's website.

The City of Roland has offered to sell the City of McCallsburg their half of the mosquito sprayer that both cities currently share. Lytle made a motion to offer Roland \$50 for their half of the sprayer. Muth seconded. All ayes with Anderson and Wells absent. The Mayor also mentioned to the council that insecticide was currently \$43/gallon and that he used approximately 3.5 – 5 gallons a night.

Mayor Loney cleaned up yard waste at Parcel #112 after the residents had received a letter from the city and no action was taken. The Mayor said he worked two hours labor and two hours on the tractor to remove the waste. Lytle made a motion to charge the owners \$60/hour for the labor and an additional \$80/hour for the tractor. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes with Anderson and Wells absent. City Attorney Huffer told the council that as long as the 55 gallon drum was in the city's right-a-way the city was legally allowed to dispose of it. Chris Kehoe of The Trash Man agreed to remove the drum on the next garbage day. There have been complaints again of the dog being loose. Mayor Loney has also witnessed this. Letters have been sent from the city and from Story County. The next action is to have Story County Animal Control remove the animal and confine it if it is caught on the loose again. R. Holland agreed to be a witness if the city should decide to press charges.

Parcels #46, 118 and 87 were sprayed for weeds by the owner along the roadside which is against city ordinance. City Attorney Huffer stated that if pictures showing the damage and a date the spraying was done a legal notice could be sent to the owners.

Jill Wilson gave the council her resignation by letter. Mayor Loney told the council he had hired Karen Beal to do the meter reading. Mrs. Wilson has agreed to train Mrs. Beal when it is time to do the July meter readings.

Mayor Loney informed the council that the American Legion had December 20th available for the city to hold their annual Christmas party. The council asked the Mayor to book the Legion for that date. They also instructed the Clerk to send out letters requesting donations from local businesses for the party in November.

FEMA has applications for residents to fill out if they would like assistance in replacing property damaged from flooding. Councilman Tiarks agreed to put a link to the application on the city's website.

Senator Olive spoke to the council on actions taken during the legislative session. Olive mentioned that he did vote for the smoking ban after receiving guarantees that smoking would also be banned from casinos within two years. Senator Olive had voted nay on two previous versions of the bill. The Department of Health made the rules for the bill and will be reviewing them through August. Olive also mentioned that the one cent sales tax had been removed on the county level and moved to the state level. This would help schools in smaller communities and give a small amount of property tax relief. The Senator also mention that he was on the Economic Development Committee in Senate. This committee has implemented small business development centers and a website for small business owners. These will help small businesses get started. Last year they were able to help seven small businesses open their doors. Mayor Loney mentioned to the Senator that he would like to see the publication of city business removed for cities under 1,000. The Senator said there had been a bill that went through committee the previous session that would allow cities to publish their business on websites alone but that it was killed before it could be brought to debate. Senator Olive can be reached at: 1264 Northridge Rd. P.O. Box 273 Story City, IA 50248; richolive@legis.state.ia.us . Or at the State Capitol Des Moines, IA 50319; 515-733-2427 from Jan. – May.

The council reviewed waste hauling bids from both Chitty Garbage Services and The Trash Man. After review Lytle made a motion to renew the contract with The Trash Man for the next 4-5 years. Anderson seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday August 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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