

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday June 7th, 2010 at 6 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order. Councilpersons Scott Anderson, David Muth, Robin Pruisner and Jeff Wells were present. Councilman Lytle was absent. There were also three residents, Debbie Johnson of Iowa Realty, Kevin Wicks from No Lawn Left Behind and two representatives from Story County Conservation were present.

Councilperson Pruisner made a motion to approve the agenda, the minutes from the May 3rd, 2010 Regular Meeting, and the financial reports. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed with Lytle absent.

Revenue for May 2010

General Income - \$3,250.87
Water Utility Income - \$3,368.50
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,153.85
Solid Waste Revenue - \$1,960.98
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$293.73
TIF Revenue - \$5,492.49
Total Income: \$16,520.42

Claims Paid for May 2010

A&M mowing-mowing-\$1,114.00
Alliant Energy–Utilities-\$774.65
Central IA Water–Water-\$1,506.00
Hach Co. – water supplies - \$352.95
IA League of Cities – meeting fee - \$60.00
IA One Call – locate calls - \$20.00
IA Telecom–phone & internet-\$98.85
Jacobson Enterprises – water/sewer-\$527.88
Karen Beal – meter reading & cleaning- \$115.00
LGI – water testing - \$11.00
Nevada Journal – publishing- \$328.41
Payroll-salary & taxes-\$1,129.65
Portable Pro – kybo- \$85.00
Post Office – postage - \$88.00
Ryerson’s – tractor supplies - \$57.89
Scott Sales Co. – rent - \$250.00
Staples-supplies-\$122.10
State Bank & Trust-debt payments-\$1,527.17
Story County Recorder – deed fees - \$37.00
Story Farm & Home – battery charger - \$79.99
The Bookkeepers-accounting-\$50.00
The Trash Man-garbage-\$2,410.45
Treasurer State of Iowa –sales tax - \$174.00
True Value Hardware –supplies- \$10.98
US Bank – debt service - \$27,206.62
Wicks Turf – parks - \$125.00
Total Expenses: \$38,262.59

At 6:30pm the council along with Kevin Wicks and two representatives from Story County Conservation walked along the Prairie Rail Trail to discuss prairie grass options. Councilwoman Pruisner informed the council that a grant is available to help pay for the Prairie Restoration. While the due date for the grant was June 1, 2010 McCallsburg has been granted an extension until June 14th to apply for the grant. Line of sight and set backs were the main topics of discussion during the council’s Prairie Walk. It was decided during the walk that the line of sight would be 30 feet minimum from the edge of roadways going North – South and 30 feet from center of Dubois. There will also be a 10 foot setback from property lines and a 15 foot setback from existing buildings. A 15 foot setback is also required around all existing utilities. The first phase of the project will be between 4th St. and 8th St.. The project will require all of the bushes to be removed and possibly some trees. Joe Kooiker from Story County Conservation stated that the grant will cover 100% of the prairie costs. The council returned to the chambers at 7:20 pm.

Mayor Loney informed the council that a bid was submitted from Jensen Excavating in the amount of \$1,000 to fix both manhole covers (\$500 per manhole). The council asked the Mayor to ask for other bids. The issue was tabled until the July meeting.

Two building permits were submitted to the Council. After review Councilwoman Pruisner stated that so saw no issues with the building permit for Parcel 170. Pruisner also stated that she had some concerns about the building permit submitted for Parcel 80. The concerns being; the fee paid was not sufficient for the building size, more description was needed on the door and the possibility of building on top of buried gas tanks. The permit for Parcel 80 was tabled until more research could be done.

Mayor Loney informed the council that McCallsburg has been given a siren from the City of Ames and would like to pick it up sometime this week. Anderson asked the Mayor to inquire how large the siren was and if the item could be hauled on a trailer or something larger. Anderson also requested the city wait to have the siren installed in connection with Story County Dispatch until more information about the system could be gathered.

The Clerk informed the council that the IA Municipal Professionals Institute would be held in Ames during the second and third weeks of July. The Clerk mentioned that there are five classes she would like to take totaling \$168.00. The council agreed to the Clerk's request.

Mayor Loney reminded the council that Councilwoman Pruisner, the Clerk and himself would be attending the Small City Workshop in Belmond on June 15, 2010.

Mayor Loney informed the council that the City received the keys to the old bank building on June 1st. The Clerk has transferred electric and gas services into the City's name and the Mayor is in the process of adding the building to the City's insurance policy. The council set June 11th at 6 pm as the date to walk-thru the building and make plans for work needed.

The council received a request for a nuisance hearing from R. Thompson. The council set the hearing to be on July 12th during the regular council meeting.

Debby Johnson spoke to the council about a new marketing idea for the Owen D. Fincham subdivision. Johnson proposed changing the remaining lots into 3 large lots that would allow separate buildings to be placed on the lots for RV storage or possibly hobby garages. Muth mentioned that because of the subdivision covenants that the current residents would have to be agreeable to any changes made. Pruisner stated that she would speak to the current residents to see if they would be open to the suggestions Johnson proposed.

Jill Wilson spoke to the council about the Library group. Wilson stated that because she will be moving and no one else has volunteered to head up the group, and also the group does not believe that the McCallsburg satellite site will reopen, the group will be dissolving. Wilson made a suggestion to the council that all of the remaining books and videos be offered to the town churches, daycare and area nursing homes. Any materials remaining would be offered to the public with a free will offering and all proceeds going towards the city's library contract with the Zearing Library. The council agreed that the non-profits be allowed first choice and then opening any remaining items to the public. Wilson stated she would speak to the churches, daycare and nursing homes to set a date for retrieving books.

Councilman Anderson stated that the Fire/EMS Department would like to purchase a 2009 Chevy Tahoe for \$41,122.00 from Karl Chevrolet. The price includes lights, storage units, and lettering. This vehicle would replace the department's ambulance truck. Muth asked if the proposed truck had everything the department would like and needed. Keith Anderson stated that it did. Wells asked if it was possible to have a skid plate placed on the vehicle because he was concerned the department may have to drive the truck over rough terrain and did not want any damage to be done to the undercarriage. K. Anderson stated he would look into it. The department would like the city to use the excess tax base money that was set aside for the tanker truck to pay for the EMS truck. The clerk was instructed to look into the wording for the special assessment. Councilman Anderson made a motion to purchase the proposed EMS truck contingent on financing of less than 5% interest on a four year loan making two payments a year. Pruisner seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Muth, Pruisner, and Wells with Lytle absent. Motion passed.

The council received a request to have a link on the City's website to the VERB summer program sponsored by ISU extension. The council agreed.

The council received an application for a Junk Dealer's License. The council set June 11th at 6:00 pm as the date for the city inspection. The clerk was instructed to make copies of the court's ruling on the salvage yard and distribute to council.

An offer was received from Scott Anderson in the amount of \$1,000 for Parcels 84, 86 and 88. Anderson stated in his bid that his intent was to place a building on the property approximately 30ft x 80ft. Muth asked what the timeline for building would be. Anderson stated that he would not build within the year because he

wanted the ground to settle before building but would look at building after that. Pruisner made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Sale of Lots 84, 86 and 88 on July 12, 2010. Wells seconded the motion. All ayes with Lytle absent and Anderson abstaining.

The city received an offer in the amount of \$500.00 for Parcel 39. The council tabled the issue until the July 12th meeting because discussion has been made about other uses for the Parcel.

No offer was received on Parcel 162 by the time of the council meeting. Pruisner made the suggestion that if no offer was made by August 1st, 2010 that the water should be shut off. No action was taken.

The next Regular Council Meeting is July 12th, 2010; 7:00 pm.

Pruisner made a motion to adjourn. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed.

Minutes are not official until approved by council.

Attest: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk