

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday March 9, 2009 at 7 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the Annual Budget Hearing. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order. Councilpersons Bill Lytle, David Muth, Ken Tiarks and Jeff Wells were present with Scott Anderson absent. There were also four residents in attendance.

Lytle motioned and Muth seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes.

Harlan and Yvonne Borton, Rachael Grimes, Jon Muntz and Jill Wilson all expressed concerns about funding for the library. The council informed the chamber that an invitation was extended to the Zearing Library Board to attend the McCallsburg Council meeting in April. Councilman Muth explained that when the council meets with the library board options will be discussed and hopefully a contract could be agreed upon. Muth said a set contract would help the council to plan budgets in the future.

Mr. Borton asked the council about the township's involvement in helping to fund the fire department. Mr. Borton stated that years ago the township paid for the purchase of new trucks. Muth stated that for fiscal year '09-'10 the fire department would only receive \$14,000 from the township and that the township no longer covered the cost of purchasing new trucks.

Mr. Borton asked the council if the \$3,000 was necessary for mowing of the City Park and trail and whether that money could be transferred over to fund the library. Mrs. Grimes asked the council if they thought mowing was more important than library services for her children. Councilman Tiarks stated that the park would not be used if it wasn't mowed and that it was unfair to require the residents on the north side of Dubois Street to maintain the mowing of their ditches if the city did not do the same on the south side of the street. Mrs. Borton agreed that would be unfair.

Mrs. Wilson said she appreciated that the council was willing to meet with the Library board and work something out. Mrs. Wilson also asked the council to mention to the Library Board that the residents of McCallsburg were willing to do fundraisers to add to any donation the city was able to make.

Mrs. Grimes stated that she had found grants the city could apply for to fund the library through Story County and United Way. Muth stated that the Story County grant was what the City and Library applied for and received money from. Mrs. Grimes said she had agencies with 501C3 numbers who would be willing to see to it that McCallsburg received money without going through Zearing. Councilman Lytle said that would be great.

After closer inspection of the budget the council decided some numbers had been left out such as election funding and other numbers needed to be adjusted. The Budget was not approved. The next budget hearing will be April 6, 2009 after the regular council meeting.

The date for the next Regular Council Meeting is Monday April 6, 2009; 7:00 p.m.

Lytle made a motion to adjourn. Muth seconded all ayes with Anderson absent.

Mayor Wallace W. Loney

ATTEST: Sonia Dodd

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