

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday May 3rd, 2010 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, Robin Pruisner and Jeff Wells were present. There were also two residents, City Attorney Robert Huffer, Debbie Johnson of Iowa Realty, a representative from the Sheriff's Department, and Kevin Wicks from No Lawn Left Behind were present.

Councilperson Wells made a motion to approve the agenda, the minutes from the April 5th, April 12th Budget Hearing and the April 21st Special Meeting, and the financial reports. Lytle seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

Revenue for April 2010

General Income - \$4,677.19
Water Utility Income - \$3,048.83
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,204.57
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,282.19
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$240.22
TIF Revenue - \$56,832.55
Total Income: \$69,285.55

Claims Paid for April 2010

A&M mowing-mowing-\$620.00
Alliant Energy-Utilities-\$843.28
Brekken Wynia & Hyland-Deed-\$375.00
Central IA Water-Water-\$1,731.00
Global Reach Internet Productions -internet-\$120.00
Hall Backhoe -maintenance-\$280.00
Heartland Co-op -vehicle repair- \$123.45
Huffer Law Office -legal fees- \$947.67
IA Telecom-phone & internet-\$97.24
Hygienic Laboratory -testing- \$11.00
Iowa Telecom - phone & internet-\$100.08
Jacobson Enterprises - water/sewer-\$527.88
Mid-Iowa Environmental - asbestos removal - \$6,650.00
MVTL -water testing-\$153.00
Payroll-salary & taxes-\$3,331.81
Scott Sales Co. - rent - \$250.00
Staples-supplies-\$38.96
State Bank & Trust-debt payments-\$5,918.32
Story County Animal Control -animal control- \$45.50
Story County Treasurer -police- \$3,478.13
The Bookkeepers-accounting-\$50.00
The Trash Man-garbage-\$1,825.45
Treasurer State of Iowa -sales tax - \$229.00
True Value Hardware -supplies- \$15.99
Total Expenses: \$27,762.76

A representative from the Sheriff's Department updated the council on their department. Wells asked the Deputy about an incident last month when a Sheriff's Officer sped through town with no lights or sirens. The Deputy stated he would look into the incident. Mayor Loney also mentioned that he did not report the earlier vandalism to the Department. The Deputy made note of the incident and also asked the Mayor to report any and all incidents to the Sheriff's Department because one investigation could aid in the arrest of another incident later on.

Mayor Loney stated that there was a building permit that had been submitted to the Planning and Zoning Committee but is still in the approval stage. Also two other permits were issued in the past month. Mayor Loney also asked if the council had any intentions to do street work this year. Anderson stated that the only repairs to be done this year were repairing the manhole covers. Anderson stated that no other money was available.

The clerk stated that she would be out of the office on Tuesday the 4th for a doctor's appointment. The Clerk also stated that she has received notice that a free class for the Street Financial Report would be offered in May and June and she hoped to attend.

At 7:20 pm Mayor Loney opened the Public Hearing on the Sale of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 15 Original Town of McCallsburg, Iowa. No comments were made and so at 7:25pm Mayor Loney closed the public hearing. Councilman Anderson stated that he would like to see a building placed on the lot. Anderson

asked Hendrick what the timeline for construction of a building would be. Hendrick stated he would have a building up within a year and would possibly have the front of the building used for Marcy Gjerde's Salon in the future. Muth stated he was not happy about the idea about farm machinery being stored in the building. Muth stated he did not want buildings on Main Street to only be used for storage. Hendrick stated that storing farm machinery was not his intention. Hendrick also stated he planned to use the building as a shop. Muth asked what type of shop. Hendrick stated that it would be a wood shop. Anderson stated that the City couldn't regulate what the shop was used for as long as it met the guidelines of the Planning & Zoning regulations. Anderson asked if the entrance would face 4th Street. Hendrick stated the building would run North-South and would have an entrance off the alley. Lytle made a motion to pass **Resolution 10-09** selling Lots 10, 11 and 12, of Block 15 of the Original Town of McCallsburg, Iowa to Brandon Hendrick. Pruisner seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth, Pruisner and Wells. Motion passed.

Kevin Wicks spoke to the Council about the option of planting prairie along the Prairie Rail Trail. Wicks presented the council with informational packets explaining how the prairie would be planted and what care it would need. The council asked Wicks to return for the June 7th meeting and that they would begin at 6:45 pm so that the council and Wicks could walk the trail to get a better idea of what a prairie would entail along the trail.

Debby Johnson spoke to the Council about some interest that has been shown in the Owen D. Fincham subdivision. Johnson said she has spoken to a man named Ralph Okey about possibly buying the lots for development. Both Johnson and the clerk mentioned concerns Mr. Okey had expressed about the subdivision and proposals he was considering. Muth stated he would be willing to sell lots and make an exception on the time allowed for building but to not offer other exceptions. Johnson stated she would advise the council to ask for a meeting with Mr. Okey's investor. Muth asked what was needed to change the covenants of the subdivision. Huffer stated that the council has to vote on the proposed change and all current residents have to agree to the proposed changes. The council asked Johnson to set up a time for a Special Meeting between Mr. Okey, his investor and the Council.

The Council set May 10th at 6:00pm as the date the council would complete a walking tour of the city.

The clerk informed the council that both she and the Mayor would be attending the League of Cities Workshop in Belmond on June 15th. Because two people are already enrolled in the workshop from McCallsburg the City has an opportunity to have a councilmember attend free of charge. Pruisner stated she would attend with the Mayor and clerk.

Lytle made a motion to begin charging a \$1.00 per page fee for copies that are requested from the City Office. Wells seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed.

The clerk presented the council with the banking options for transferring the City's checking account to another local banking institution. The clerk stated that currently the City has approximately 12 residents who have their utility bills automatically withdrawn and that since State Banks' move she has been making one large deposit a week. After much discussion it was decided to stay with State Bank for the City's checking account. Pruisner made a motion to open automatic withdrawals to all residents no matter their current banking institutions. Lytle seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth, Pruisner and Wells; motion passed. The council suggested the draw date be switched from day of billing to the 15th of each month. The clerk was instructed to send out notices to all residents.

Re-codification assignments were chosen. The clerk was instructed to place the re-codification issue on the June agenda.

Muth informed the council that the fire department will receive a new phone line and DSL service once the city office moves. Both the DSL and the phone line for the fire department is being donated by IA Telecom. Muth also stated that the city office will keep the same number when it moves to the bank building.

Mayor Loney told the council Alliant Energy has unhooked the electricity from Dorcas Hall but that he is still waiting for the gas to be shut off.

The next Regular Council Meeting is June 7th, 2010; 6:45 pm.

Lytle 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