

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday May 5th, 2008 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, Ken Tiarks and Jeff Wells were present. City Attorneys Robert Huffer and Ivan Webber were in attendance.

Lytle motioned and Muth seconded to approve the agenda, minutes of the April 1st & 21st meetings, and financial reports. All ayes.

Revenue for April 2008

General Income - \$5,178.97
Water Utility Income - \$3,427.06
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,335.86
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,362.35
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$210.93
Employee Benefits - \$526.58
Insurance – Inc -\$2,574.65
Road Use Fund - \$1,374.50
TIF Revenue - \$58,094.68
TOTAL INCOME: \$76,085.58

Claims Paid for April 2008

Trash Man - \$1,633.17
Central Iowa Water - \$1,222.21
Iowa Telecom - \$98.19
Alliant - \$702.77
The Nevada Journal - \$227.17
Treasurer, State of Iowa - \$205.00
Sonia Dodd - \$617.47
Scott's Sales - \$556.45
Ahlers & Cooney - \$601.00
Hall Backhoe - \$3,810.00
Martin Marietta - \$671.60
ABL Trucking - \$363.84
Global Reach Internet - \$120.00
HD Supply - \$57.54
IAMU - \$338.38
MVTL - \$166.00
Post Office - \$68.00
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$11,458.79

Councilman Lytle made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss litigation. Muth seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye; Anderson, Lytle, Muth, Tiarks, Wells.

Councilman Lytle mad a motion to come out of closed session. Muth seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye; Anderson, Lytle, Muth, Tiarks, Wells.

Robert Huffer advised the council to continue with the 80/70/60/50/40 tax abatement on the Owen D. Fincham lots. However, Huffer suggested that the council lower the prices on the lots and remove the rebate. Tiarks made a motion to lower the price of the lots to \$3,000 and \$5,000, remove the rebate and continue to give Debby Johnson a thousand dollar commission on each lot. Wells seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye; Anderson, Lytle, Muth, Tiarks, Wells. Councilman Lytle

pointed out that removing the rebate would be a benefit because now spec homes can be built on the lots.

The revision of the FY 2008-2009 Budget by the mayor, clerk and Mark Jackson from Story City was presented to the council. The council had many questions about the changes made and instructed the clerk to set up a meeting on May 8th with Mr. Jackson. The council did agree to set the Budget Hearing date on June 2, 2008.

It was decided that the Mayor and clerk would go to the May 13th Small Cities Workshop in Hudson.

It was brought to the council's attention that a library board could not be created for the McCallsburg Library because the library is technically a satellite of the Zearing Library and not its own separate entity. This being said it was decided that the best way for the city to apply for the Story County grant was to create an Economic Development Committee to apply for the grant using the 501C3 the county provides. Should they receive monies from the grant then can then donate it to the library with guidelines to be used specifically for the McCallsburg Library.

A letter was presented to the council from The Trash Man. The letter stated that as of April 1st, 2008 that there will be a 10% fuel surcharge on all residential and commercial accounts with the City of McCallsburg. Lytle made a motion to raise the trash fee by 10%. Tiarks seconded. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth, Tiarks, and Wells. Motion passed. The clerk was instructed to change the rates starting with the June water bills. The mayor will also be collecting quotes from other refuse haulers to compare rates.

The Central Iowa Water Association also sent the council a letter about rate increases. The rate adjustment will be 5% and take effect on the August bill. City Attorney Huffer informed the council that a change to the city ordinance would be needed to change the water rates. The council instructed Huffer to change the code and make a resolution to set the new rates. Currently the rates are \$10.64 per 1,000 gallons. After the rate increase the rates will be \$11.70 per first 1,000 gallons and \$4.70 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Anderson made a motion to increase the water rates. Lytle seconded. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth, Tiarks, and Wells.

The Clerk was informed that the city does not do electrical inspections and that state would need to do this.

A letter to the mayor was received from the Story County Secondary Road Department. The letter stated that the County would be redoing pavement marking as soon as June 1st. However, the City would be responsible for the pavement marking on the section of county road that runs through McCallsburg. The Mayor received a quote from KAM Line Markings of a \$1,000 to do the county road pavement markings. The council has decided to skip this project this fiscal year.

The Council of the City of McCallsburg has proclaimed the week of May 11th-17th, 2008 to be Iowa School Board Recognition Week.

The Clerk informed the council that there were seven residents who had been current on their water bill payments for the last two years. Now that the two year waiting period was over these residents were due to receive their water deposits back. The council instructed the Clerk to write these residents their checks.

The Mayor had received a request from the Story County Red Cross to store bunk beds in our city. The council could not find a location that water moisture free and so the mayor was asked to deny the request.

An article written in the Iowa County publication had been brought to the council's attention. In the article the City of McCallsburg was mention in an unfavorable light because of the City's TIF funds. All of the council members disagreed with the article and the City Attorney was instructed to write a rebuttal to the article.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday May 5th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Lytle made a motion to adjourn. Wells seconded. All ayes.

Wallace W. Loney, Mayor

ATTEST: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk

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