

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday October 5, 2009 at 7 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilpersons Scott Anderson, David Muth and Ken Tiarks were present. Councilman Bill Lytle arrived at 7:08pm. Councilman Jeff Wells was absent. There were also seven residents in attendance. City Attorney Robert Huffer, Perry Gjersvik from Bartlett & West, Kevin Jacobson, Jim Stricker from IDNR, two representatives from Heiman Inc. and a representative from Ed M. Feld were in attendance.

Councilman Tiarks made a motion to approve the agenda, the minutes from the September 8th meeting and the financial reports. Anderson seconded the motion. All ayes with Lytle and Wells absent.

Revenue for September 2009

General Income - \$6,634.56
Water Utility Income - \$3,602.86
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,427.90
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,008.11
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$355.38
Road Use Fund - \$1,607.36
TIF Revenue - \$13,232.99
Total Income: \$29,869.16

Claims Paid for September 2009

A&M Mowing–Mowing-\$310.00
Alliant Energy–Utilities-\$771.40
Campbell Oil – gasoline - \$95.02
Central IA Water–Water-\$1,539.00
Electric Pump – sewer - \$5,022.89
Hall Backhoe – sewer - \$500.00
IA Telecom–Phone & Internet-\$101.15
Jacobson Enterprises – water/sewer-\$617.88
Kenneth Tiarks – internet- \$150.96
Keystone Laboratories, Inc. – water testing - \$110.00
LGI–Water Testing-\$127.00
Max’s Auto Repair-vehicle repair- \$158.70
MVTL –water testing- \$76.00
Nevada Journal–Publishing-\$115.76
Payroll-salary & taxes-\$1,713.12
Portable Pro-Kybo Rental-\$75.00
Sonia Dodd – mileage- \$24.20
Stan Vigness – mowing-\$1,892.00
Staples-office supplies-\$146.97
State Bank & Trust-debt payments-\$4,454.50
Story Farm & Home – parks- \$19.99
The Bookkeepers-accounting-\$50.00
The Trash Man-garbage-\$2,425.45
True Value Hardware – supplies- \$13.90
Wicks Turf – prairie trail - \$135.00
Total Expenses: \$20,645.89

Brian Baker asked the council if the city was accepting bids on the red and white metal shed located at 160 N. 6th. The council said that no one has made an offer as of yet. However, if Mr. Baker would like to do so he should deliver a sealed bid to the clerk a week before the next council meeting. Officer Slajack gave the council a report on the Sheriff’s Department. Slajack stated that their department has been able to hire back two employees that had been laid off. Mayor Loney asked Mr. Slajack if there were any leads in the vandalism that occurred in town last month. Mr. Slajack said the department had a couple of possible suspects. Mayor Loney thanked Slajack for his report and said he thought the department was doing a fine job.

Mayor Loney stated that he had received one building permit from K. Jacobson and has passed it on to the Planning & Zoning Committee. He has not heard back from the committee yet.

Anderson made a motion to pass Resolution 09-16, which approves the specs. for a tanker truck for the fire department. Muth seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Muth Tiarks. Lytle and Wells were absent. The council opened the sealed bids received for the fire tanker truck. The city received the following bids: Heiman, Inc., Sious Falls, SD - \$144,911.00, Ed M. Feld, Carroll, IA - \$152,935, Midwest Fire,

Luverne, MN - \$140,305.00, Winn Fire Equipment, Kentucky - \$152,963.00. Brandon Hendricks of the McCallsburg Fire Department requested that the members of the fire department present be allowed to review the bids and make a recommendation to the council. Anderson made a motion to allow the fire department members to review the bids and return to the council with a recommendation. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passed with Wells absent. The members present of the fire department, representatives from Heiman Inc, and a representative from Ed M. Feld left the chambers to review the bids.

Lytle made a motion to approve Resolution 09-18 to approve the Street Financial Report. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed with Wells absent.

Huffer stated that he has modeled the City's Flood Plain Ordinance after the basic plan by the Federal Government. Huffer stated that according to FEMA's Flood Plain Map the city has two areas designated in the flood plain. Both the north east corner of the field north of Wally's home and at the south end of Latrobe near the railroad tracks. Lytle made a motion to cooperate with FEMA and designate a flood plain ordinance. Tiarks seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth and Tiarks. Motion passed with Wells absent. Lytle made a motion to waive the second and third readings of the Flood Plain Ordinance. Anderson seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth and Tiarks. Motion passed with Wells absent. Anderson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #160 referring to the City of McCallsburg's Flood Plain. Tiarks seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth and Tiarks. Motion passed with Wells absent.

Mayor Loney informed the council that the city has received a request to place stop signs on 8th street at the corner of 8th and Latrobe. Anderson suggested the Mayor speak with the county and ask if they have any suggestions on how to better control that intersection since it is used as a school crossing and is a county road. The mayor stated he would do so.

Mayor Loney stated that he has heard back from the County Health Department and they are unwilling to move forward on parcels 30 & 80 without someone residing in them. Councilman Lytle asked if the city's next move would be to hire an inspector to look at the properties. Huffer stated that to have the properties condemned an inspector would have to be hired. Huffer suggested the council ask Story City who they used for inspections and their costs. Lytle made a motion to send nuisance abatement letter to the owners of Parcels 30, 80 and 160. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed with Wells absent. Anderson made a motion to include Parcel 85 in the nuisance abatements. Lytle seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed with Wells absent.

The members of the fire department returned to the council chambers with their recommendation. Hendricks spoke for the department. Hendricks stated that all but Heiman and Midwest Fire had to be eliminated immediately because of cost. Both Heiman and Midwest were identical trucks except for the tank set up. Heiman had a square tank and a front dump. Midwest had an oval tank and a side dump. Hendricks stated that while Midwest's bid was \$1,900.00 lower overall the fire department preferred the truck offered by Heiman, Inc. Muth asked the department if they would be willing to wait nine months for the truck to be built and delivered. Hendrick said yes the department would have to wait for any truck to be made and delivered and nine months for a truck they preferred would be alright. Anderson made a motion to approve the fire department's recommendation to purchase the tanker truck from Heiman, Inc. Lytle seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth and Tiarks. Motion passed with Wells absent. Hendricks agreed to notify the other bidders of the council's decision.

Kevin Jacobson spoke to the council about smoke testing. Jacobson stated that because the city is a member of the Iowa Rural Water Association, the IRWA is willing to do a smoke test of the city for free. The city would only need to pay for the material not the labor. IRWA requests the city provide a few people to help with the project. Jacobson believes that the testing should be able to be done in one day. Perry Gjersvik stated that the results of the testing would show where breaks in the line are occurring and would be helpful in the city's report to the DNR. Anderson stated that he and some of his staff could help on the 14th. The clerk was instructed to notify the residents of the upcoming smoke testing with a mailing.

Mr. Ellingson from Bethany Lutheran Church was in attendance to speak to the council about Dorcas Hall. Mayor Loney asked Mr. Ellingson if he knew what the condition of the west side of Dorcas Hall was in and how it would be affected when the city demolished the old theatre building. Ellingson stated that he did not

know the condition and that the church was waiting to see what the city intended to do. Ellingson also stated that the building was not being used much anymore. Ellingson said that he had spoken to the Presbyterian Church and they requested to be notified only in the sale of the property. Lytle stated that he would like to keep communication open between the council and the churches during this project. Ellingson asked the council if they intended to dig out the basement when they demolished the theater building because that would affect the foundation of Dorcas Hall. Tiarks stated that the city would tear out any basement and level the ground as they had done with the old hotel. Anderson asked Ellingson if he would speak to both churches and see what their plans are it may be possible for the city to make an offer. Anderson asked Ellingson to let the clerk know if the churches would like Dorcas Hall to be placed on the November agenda. Ellingson stated that he would like the Hall to be placed on the next agenda and that he would speak to the churches in the mean time.

The clerk was instructed to post a request for bids for the city's snow removal this year.

After reviewing the Federal Grade Safety Improvement fund last year the council stated they do not to apply.

Huffer stated that due to a clerical error from his office the resolution granting the sale of the old fertilizer building to Kevin Jacobson was incorrect. Huffer stated that he would make the corrections at no cost to the city and that a new public hearing would need to be held to approve a new resolution with the proper corrections. Anderson made a motion to set November 2nd, 2009 for the Public Hearing date on the sale of the old fertilizer building. Lytle seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed with Wells absent.

Jill Wilson spoke to the council for the library committee. Wilson provided a check to the council in the amount of \$210 as the rest of the money raised from the pizza fundraiser. Wilson stated that brought the group's donation to \$800 so far. Wilson also stated that after going over the numbers it was decided to cancel the petition for a library levy as the funds raised would only generate \$80. The library committee will be conducting a survey of the McCallsburg residents to see how satisfied residents are with the current library services. Wilson also stated that it would be helpful to have the circulation numbers from the Zearing library for the time since the McCallsburg site has closed for the next council meeting. The clerk was instructed to request the circulation numbers from the Zearing library for the November meeting.

Perry Gjersvik spoke to the council about the progress made with the DNR project. Gjersvik stated that the he the mayor and the clerk have met with the DNR to discuss the project and his firm is currently reviewing the televising tapes the city has provided. Gjersvik expects to have the facility plan done by the end of the month. Jim Stricker from the IDNR also spoke to the council about the project. Stricker mentioned that while the city's current lagoon system was sufficient at the time it was built it no longer meets today's current DNR/EPA standards. Stricker also told the council that with all the grants available now the city would have more options to help with funding than have ever been in available during the past 25 years; provided the city move quickly. Stricker also stated the city should consider an SRF (State Revolving Fund) loan to fund the city's share of the costs. Stricker also mentioned I-Jobs money could be used as well as CDBG grants.

The clerk informed the council that she had a brief conversation with Marsha Cory of Simmering & Cory about the city's DNR project. Cory said that an income survey is one of the first things the city would need to get done in order to apply for a CDBG grant. An income survey would be anonymous and help to show the city's possible need for grant help. Cory had also told the clerk that she would be willing to work with the city to do their grant writing if they so desired. Lytle made a motion to approve hiring the firm of Simmering & Cory to assist the city with their grant writing. Tiarks seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth and Tiarks. Motion passed with Wells absent.

Gjersvik informed the council that a public hearing would need to be done for a CDBG grant application. The CDBG deadline is November 17, 2009. Lytle made a motion to set November 2, 2009 as the date for the public hearing on the CDBG grant. Tiarks seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth and Tiarks. Motion passed with Wells absent. Tiarks made a motion to authorize Perry Gjersvik to prepare the paperwork applying for a SRF loan. Lytle seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth and Tiarks. Motion passed with Wells absent. The clerk was instructed to send out a mailing informing the residents of the income survey.

Lytle stated that after reviewing the Safe Routes to School grant he did not believe it was feasible for the city to participate in.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday November 2nd, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall. Councilman Tiarks made a motion to adjourn. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent.

Minutes are not official until approved by council.

Attest: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk