

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday October 6th, 2008 at 7 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilpersons Scott Anderson, Bill Lytle, David Muth and Ken Tiarks were present. Councilman Jeff Wells was absent. A representative of the Sheriff's Department, City Attorney Robert Huffer, a representative from Alliant Energy and two residents were in attendance.

Anderson motioned and Lytle seconded to approve the agenda, minutes of the September 8th & 22nd meetings, and financial reports. All ayes with Wells absent.

Revenue for September 2008

General Income - \$4,202.89
Water Utility Income - \$4,697.14
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,933.81
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,394.46
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$306.83
TIF Revenue - \$7,839.50
Road Use Fund - \$1,303.76
TOTAL INCOME: \$23,678.39

Claims Paid for September 2008

Garbage - \$1,758.12
Mowing - \$930.00
Electric - \$1,995.43
Payroll - \$2,238.27
Water - \$1,865.15
Repairs & Maintenance - \$1,716.08
Phone & Internet - \$96.02
Office Supplies - \$11.22
Publishing - \$68.78
Rent - \$250.00
Debt Payments - \$2,927.33
Accounting - \$50.00
Taxes - \$285.00
Gasoline - \$1,635.57
Parks - \$210.00
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$16,036.97

Vern Nelson thanked the council, on behalf of the American Legion, for paying for the new blacktop in front of the Legion building. The Legion will now be able to be used for an election site this November. Mr. Nelson also informed the council that Monday was the first day for the community coffee shop at the Legion and they had a good turnout.

A resident showed the council a photograph of junk moved behind his property onto a vacant lot (Parcel #160). City Attorney Robert Huffer stated that some of the parties involved had been served nuisance abatements by the Sheriff's department, and others could not be found. The council informed Mr. Huffer of where the missing party worked. Mr. Huffer said he would re-serve the nuisance letters.

A representative from the Sheriff's Department updated the council on activities within its department. The department will have a new deputy in December and there are two people currently in the academy. The mayor commended the Sheriff's department for all the work they did within the city during the month of September.

Mayor Loney informed the council that there has been an increase in vandalism within the city. The most recent vandalism was graffiti on one of the park benches. A citizen asked the mayor if she could paint the bench and the mayor agreed.

The city clerk informed the council that the loan they had taken out last year for the road sealing project would be due on the 15th. The clerk asked the council how they would like her to pay the bill when it comes due. The council said it would review some figures and get back to her.

Councilman Muth told the council that he had found someone willing to write a grant proposal for the Safe Routes to School Grant next year. Councilmen Lytle and Muth agreed to do research on projects needed and cost in the mean time.

Mayor Loney and Councilman Anderson met with FEMA. FEMA did an assessment of the road damage from flooding this summer. The mayor and councilman Anderson filled out paperwork with FEMA and turned it in, but are having difficulty receiving the money promised. The clerk faxed all the paperwork to Lori Morrissey, who agreed to help, at Story County Planning & Zoning for review.

City attorney Robert Huffer suggested to the council that they adopt an ordinance similar to the state code for golf carts on city streets. The state code requires items such as: brake and tail lights, a flag, a slow moving sign, valid driver's license and operation during daylight hours only. The council agreed this would be the best course of action. Mr. Huffer said he could type up a draft and present it at the next council meeting.

Councilman Anderson made a motion to renew the real estate agent contract with Debby Johnson for another six months. Lytle seconded. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth. Wells was absent.

The American Legion's liquor license has been received and is valid for another year.

Councilman Lytle made a motion to approve resolution #08-05 allowing the clerk to submit the Street Financial Report to the DOT. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent.

The council set the date for Beggar's Night in McCallsburg as October 31st from 6p.m. until 8p.m.

The council asked the mayor if he would speak to Keith Anderson about the snow removal for the city again this winter. The council was pleased with his work last winter and would like for him to continue.

The council has decided to postpone the Trail Clean Up Day until next spring.

The council also decided to pass on the Trees Forever Grant offered by Alliant energy.

The council asked the mayor if he would speak to Jim Gibson about the Federal Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Funds to see if removing trees along the railroad crossings would be covered under this program.

Councilman Lytle made a motion to amend the agenda for a closed session. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent.

Councilman Lytle made a motion to go into a closed session to discuss litigation with the city attorney. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent.

At 7:40 p.m. the council went into closed session.

Councilman Lytle made a motion to come out of closed session. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent.

Councilman Lytle made a motion to return to regular session. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent.

At 8:00 p.m. the council came out of closed session and continued with the regular session.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday November 3rd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Lytle made a motion to adjourn. Tiarks seconded. All ayes with Wells absent.

Wallace W. Loney, Mayor

ATTEST: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk

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