

## City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday September 13th, 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 and Robin Pruisner were present. Councilmen Jeff Wells was absent. Six residents and Sergeant Ellis from the Sheriff's Department were also present.

Mayor Loney added item H. to the agenda City Newsletter. Councilperson Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of item H., the minutes from the August 3rd, 2010 Regular Meeting, the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Special Meeting and the financial reports. Lytle seconded the motion. All ayes, with Wells absent; motion passed.

### Revenue for August 2010

General Income - \$281.32  
Water Utility Income - \$3,914.58  
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,592.41  
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,337.05  
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$398.75  
TIF Revenue - \$1,069.98  
Insurance Income - \$2,066.00  
Road Use Fund - \$5,205.67  
CDBG Grant - \$30,456.00  
**Total Income: \$48,321.76**

### Claims Paid for August 2010

A&M mowing-mowing-\$1,834.00  
Alliant Energy-Utilities-\$887.83  
Bartlett & West -engineering-\$29,192.72  
Campbell Oil Co. - gasoline- \$145.22  
Central IA Televising-sewer-\$675.00  
Central IA Water-Water-\$1,425.00  
IIMC -dues- \$125.00  
IA Telecom-phone & internet-\$100.09  
Jacobson Enterprises -water/sewer maintenance-\$1,055.76  
Jensen Excavating -road repairs- \$1,000.00  
Karen Beal -meter reading/cleaning- \$230.00  
Matt Parrott & Sons -utilities- \$437.51  
Midwest Insurance- insurance-\$1,238.00  
MVTL - water testing- \$152.00  
Nevada Journal - publishing- \$241.61  
Omni-site -water monitoring- \$115.00  
Payroll-salary & taxes-\$1,698.62  
Portable Pro - kybo- \$75.00  
Reishauer Concrete - concrete work- \$1,500.00  
Scott Sales Co. - rent - \$250.00  
Sonia Dodd -internet reimbursement- \$74.19  
Stan Vigness - mowing- \$112.50  
Staples -supplies-\$81.52  
State Bank & Trust -returned checks & fees-\$157.81  
State Bank & Trust-debt payments-\$1,527.17  
Story County Treasurer -property taxes- \$1,668.00  
Story Farm & Home -beautification- \$7.68  
The Bookkeepers -accounting-\$50.00  
The Trash Man-garbage-\$1,884.95  
Treasurer State of Iowa -sales tax - \$177.00  
Vetter Equipment -tractor- \$97.53  
**Total Expenses: \$48,216.71**

Cathy Dickerson asked the council about the requirements for golf carts and four wheelers with in city limits. Sergeant Ellis answered that four wheelers may be used for agricultural purposes otherwise they are to be contained to personal property. Golf carts must abide by state code unless a city has their own ordinance.

Sergeant Ellis presented the council with the city's police report for the month of August.

Mayor Loney presented the council with two residential building permits that were approved by Planning & Zoning.

Mayor Loney commented that both he and City Attorney Huffer would not be available for the council's workshop on September 16<sup>th</sup> and asked the council if they would like to move the date. Anderson stated that because it was a workshop and no action would be taken that they continue with the September 16<sup>th</sup> date.

There was discussion as to whether or not the city owned the property just north of the Sarver house or whether it belonged to the county. The council asked Joanna Sarver to double check with the county assessor as to the owners.

The clerk was instructed to speak with Brandon Hendrick to find available dates for the council to complete NIMS training.

Lytle made a motion to approve the Liquor License for the American Legion. Praisner seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent; motion passed.

Lytle stated he would work with the clerk on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> to complete the SRF & TIF reports.

The clerk informed the council that the Legion had December 18 of this year available for the city to hold their annual Christmas party. The clerk also informed the council that the Legion had either December 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> available for the Christmas party in 2011. The council agreed to hold the party this year on December 18<sup>th</sup> and next year on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

The council decided to hold Beggar's Night on October 31, 2010 from 5 – 7pm in the city.

Lytle asked Praisner if the city had missed their opportunity to kill the grass for a fall planting of the Prairie grass. Praisner stated she had received the information from the County today and that fall seeding would be ideal but that the grass should have already been killed and ready for seed. It is possible to do a spring seeding. Joanna Sarver presented a petition to the council of eighty four signatures asking the council not to plant Prairie grass. Sarver also stated that one of the questions she was frequently asked while gathering signatures was whether the trees along the trail would be taken out. Praisner stated that 15% of the trees would not be around in fifteen years either because of unhealthy trees or because of the emerald ash bore. Praisner also stated that the prairie planting was not her idea, however she was willing and had access to resources for filling out the paperwork. After much discussion Praisner proposed the city withdraw the plans for the prairie grass. Muth stated that the city has made the process of the prairie grass public knowledge for five months through, agendas, and published minutes. Hearing no comments during the five months the council took that to mean acceptance and only now that the council is ready to move onto the planting are complaints made. Tim Sarver stated that the process takes time. Muth stated that it has already been five months. Anderson stated that there seems to be a lack of information and that most people did not attend the council meeting when a presentation was given on the prairie. Kirby Christian asked the council how high the prairie would be. Praisner and Lytle commented that the prairie would be two to four feet in height and would be a mostly flower mix. Joanna Sarver stated that she had asked residents if they would be willing to mow to help save the city money and she had gotten eight residents to agree to mow along the trail. Anderson stated his concern about the ditches being steep and that being a hazard. Joanna Sarver also stated that she is hoping to get about five families to agree to help mow the subdivision and possibly ask another resident to mow around the fire station. Sarver also stated she hoped the council would help mow the park and that the mowing would all be done within a two day span each week. Anderson stated he would like to discuss this when all the council is present. Lytle suggested tabling the matter until after they spoke to Wells. Muth stated that if they wait until the October meeting then they would only be able to do a spring planting. Praisner made a motion to withdraw the prairie project. Mayor Loney asked for a second. No comments made; motion killed. Anderson asked that Kevin Wicks be asked to the October meeting to give his presentation again and to place him first on the agenda. Mayor Loney stated he would speak to Wicks to see if he was available. Muth suggested that the clerk place a card in with the October utility bills asking the residents if they are for or against the prairie after hearing the presentation. The topic was tabled until October.

Lytle made a motion to take the money for the heating and cooling work done to the new city hall out of the Public Funds account. Anderson seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent; motion passed.

Lytle made a motion to accept the \$3,000.00 bid placed by Jeff Moore for construction work on the new city hall with the addition of two double hung windows at \$325.00 bringing final bid to \$3,325.00. Praisner seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth and Praisner with Wells absent; motion passed.

Lytle made a motion to sell the metal cabinets advertised on Craigslist to Mike Murray for \$185.00. Praisner seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth and Praisner with Wells absent; motion passed.

Lytle made a motion to install a fifty five foot pole and the tornado siren and to pay the expenses from the Public Funds account. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent; motion passed.

Lytle made a motion to approve the Salvage Yard License for Thompson Auto Parts. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent; motion passed.

The clerk stated that Debby Johnson mentioned someone asked about purchasing a lot in the subdivision to place a garage and plant some trees on the lot. The council stated they were unwilling to sell with those conditions.

Mayor Loney stated that the McCallsburg newsletter that is published monthly needed funding. The council asked the Mayor to check and see how much the yearly costs of the newsletter was and whether the Lions Club was going to help with a donation as well.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010; 7:00pm.

Lytle made a motion to adjourn. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes with Wells absent; motion passed.

Minutes are not official until approved by council.

Attest: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk