

### **City of McCallsburg**

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday September 8th, 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 and David Muth were present. Councilmen Ken Tiarks and Jeff Wells were absent. Patrol Sergeant Leanna Risinger from the Sheriff's Department, City Attorney Robert Huffer and seven residents were in attendance.

Lytle motioned and Wells seconded to approve the agenda, minutes of the August 4th meeting, and financial reports. All ayes with Tiarks & Wells absent.

#### **Revenue for August 2008**

General Income - \$3,264.40  
Water Utility Income - \$3,266.25  
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,338.02  
Solid Waste Revenue - \$1,885.77  
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$237.69  
TIF Revenue - \$141.70  
Road Use Fund - \$1,530.36  
Park Donations - \$10.00  
TOTAL INCOME: \$12,674.19

#### **Claims Paid for August 2008**

Garbage - \$1,758.12  
Mowing - \$1,240.00  
Legal Fees - \$602.85  
Electric - \$1,040.61  
Payroll - \$1,905.11  
Water - \$1,540.25  
Repairs & Maintenance - \$3,670.60  
Dues - \$245.00  
Phone & Internet - \$342.00  
Office Supplies - \$231.69  
Publishing - \$93.34  
Rent - \$250.00  
Debt Payments - \$2,927.33  
Accounting - \$50.00  
Taxes - \$693.00  
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$16,589.90

Patrol Sergeant Leanna Risinger informed the council and citizens that the Sheriff's Citizens Academy starts on September 9, 2008. If any citizen is interested in more information please contact Jennifer Holmes with the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department also received a \$10,000 Iris Recognition System to help identify missing/ lost children. The council expressed speeding concerns, mainly on E-18 to the Sergeant. Sergeant Risinger stated she would make the department aware of this. Sergeant Risinger also offered the ability of the Sheriff's Department to give warnings to any children seen driving golf carts which would allow the council time to decide on an ordinance.

After much discussion between residents, council and Sergeant Risinger a resident requested that the city adopt an ordinance allowing golf carts on city streets. Councilman Muth made a motion to table the issue until the next meeting so that the council would have time to do research on the issue. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion. All ayes with Tiarks and Wells absent.

H. Borton representing the American Legion in McCallsburg stated that the Legion is making updates to their facility so that elections could be held there instead of the City Hall which has very limited space. In order for the Department of Elections to consider the Legion, handicap accessible

parking must be made in front of the Legion. Mr. Borton asked the council to pay for the new surfacing needed in front of the Legion. Mr. Borton stated that he had received a bid from Manatts for \$2,800 to cover the 16x68 space with 20 tons of asphalt. Lytle made a motion to have the city pay for the work. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes with Tiarks and Wells absent. Mr. Borton also informed the council that the Legion was considering having a non-profit coffee shop in their building starting in October. The Legion is planning on having a resident meeting to see if there would be interest in the coffee shop. Mr. Borton asked councilman Lytle to attend the meeting as a representative of the city. Mr. Lytle agreed.

The Mayor informed the council that he has done all he can think of to get rid of the "musty" smell from the city's water. The mayor has flushed hydrants, had the water tested multiple times and he's spoken to the water engineer in Newton who told him nothing could be done.

The Clerk informed the council that a special meeting would be needed to approve the RUT report later on this month. Also that it was time to start working on the TIF report. The council agreed to meet again on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to review the RUT report and to start work on the TIF report.

There has been some interest in purchasing the Owen D. Fincham lots. The Clerk informed the council that there is a proposed buyer wishing to purchase adjoining lots to build a house on and possibly a third lot for future development. The council requests that the proposed buyer make out a written proposal and possibly meet with the council. A resident in attendance asked the council if they would consider selling a lot adjacent to hers for more yard space and possibly a garage in the future. The council asked the resident to make up a written proposal for the council to review.

A bill to Parcel #112 for removal of yard/trash waste was discussed. Councilman Lytle made a motion to have the residents pay the full bill. Anderson seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle. On roll call voting no: Muth. Motion passed.

Mayor Loney informed the council that he believed the roof of the machine shed needed painting. He received a quote from Bill Riley Painting for \$2,250 for the painting and fixing loose screws in the roof. Councilman Anderson asked the mayor to find out if they would also fix the edges of the shed where salt had been stored. Anderson made a motion to have Riley Painting paint and fix the roof of the machine shed and also to have the edges fixed as long as the edges did not cost more than 15% of the original estimate. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes with Tiarks and Wells absent.

The Safe Routes to School Grant is due October 1, 2008. Councilman Muth stated he would look into finding a person to write the grant for this year.

Mayor Loney and Councilman Anderson met with FEMA representatives twice in the past month. FEMA has agreed to give the city \$2,900 to repair streets with overlay that had been submerged by the floods.

Mayor Loney told the council that a truck tractor has been parked at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> and Latrobe. The clerk was instructed to send a letter stating that they were in violation of city ordinance.

There have been many complaints to the city about junk piled up in the yard of Parcel #45. It was suggested that letters be sent to both the owner and the tenant. City Attorney agreed to write up the letters.

Resource Recovery Day will be September 13, 2008. The city will once again provide two dumpsters between 8 – 9:30 a.m. The Resource Recovery Plant will have a representative on hand to assist with the collection. The clerk was instructed to send out notices with this month's water bills.

The bid for wiring the lift station was \$1,300. Muth made a motion to have the work done as long as a detailed invoice was provided. Lytle seconded the motion. All ayes with Tiarks and Wells absent.

The mayor is still waiting to hear from the City of Ames on a tornado siren and costs associated with it.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Lytle made a motion to adjourn. Muth seconded. All ayes with Tiarks and Wells absent.

Wallace W. Loney, Mayor

ATTEST: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk

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