

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday April 5, 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, Robin Pruisner and Jeff Wells were present. There were also four residents, City Attorney Robert Huffer, Levi Bappe from Minerva Valley, Lorrie Hansen from Resource Recovery, Don Ellis from the Sheriff's Department, Neil Guess from Bolton & Menk and Marsha Cory with Simmering & Cory in attendance.

Councilperson Wells made a motion to approve the agenda, the minutes from the March 1st meeting, March 12th Budget Hearing, and the financial reports. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

Revenue for March 2010

General Income - \$2,548.09
Water Utility Income - \$3,300.72
Sewer Utility Income - \$2,358.21
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,261.02
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$309.03
TIF Revenue - \$2,360.90
Total Income: \$13,137.97

Claims Paid for March 2010

Alliant Energy–Utilities-\$930.92
Central IA Water–Water-\$1,320.00
Colo-Nesco School – gasoline-\$154.84
Frohwein Tire Division- tractor tire-\$181.42
IA Telecom–phone & internet-\$97.24
Jacobson Enterprises – water/sewer-\$1,055.76
LGI- testing- \$22.01
Nevada Journal–Publishing-\$252.87
Payroll-salary & taxes-\$1,709.51
Post Office –postage-\$56.00
Scott Sales Co. – rent - \$250.00
Staples-supplies-\$25.97
State Bank & Trust-debt payments-\$3,054.34
Story Farm & Home-supplies-\$9.39
The Ames Tribune – publishing- \$105.92
The Bookkeepers-accounting-\$50.00
The Trash Man-garbage-\$1,825.45
Treasurer State of Iowa –sales tax - \$162.00
Total Expenses: \$11,263.64

Jill Wilson spoke to the council concerning the library. Wilson presented the council with information she researched on other cities who had a combined library with their local school. Wilson also informed the council that the school's library was moved to phase 2 of their project and would be at least a year away before any action would be taken.

Officer Don Ellis updated the council on events that have been taking place at the Sheriff's Department. Officer Ellis informed the council that the speed trailer would be in operation again starting May 1st and that if the council would like to reserve it they needed to contact Lieutenant Dodds. The council thanked Officer Ellis for his time.

Chris Erickson shared his concern over the pothole near his home. Mayor Loney stated it would be repaired. Erickson also expressed interest in submitting a mowing bid.

Jordan Heath asked the council if it would be possible to rezone his home to allow him to have a home catering business. After reviewing the City Code Attorney Huffer suggested that the council may want to amend the code to allow home businesses because it is not addressed in the code currently. Huffer said he could present such an amendment at the next council meeting. The clerk was instructed to place the item on the May agenda.

The Mayor asked the council to consider turning the Prairie Rail Trail into prairie land and pull some of the bushes that currently run along side it. Councilwoman Pruisner suggested the mayor speak to Steve Lekwa before moving forward. The Mayor said he would speak to Lekwa.

The Mayor also stated that the city has obtained the deed for Dorcas Hall and has already spoken to Alliant Energy about disconnecting the electricity and gas from the building.

The clerk reminded all present that the city clean up day would be April 24th, 2010. Mayor Loney stated that there would be 2 roll off containers available in the city from 8:00 – 10:00 am for city residents to use.

The clerk stated that Colo-Nesco would be selling tickets to a magic show scheduled for the 23rd to raise money for the playground and tickets will be sold at the city office.

The clerk also informed all present that there would be a state wide tornado drill on April 7th. The clerk also reminded the council that a Budget Hearing is scheduled for April 12th at 7 pm at City Hall.

Lorrie Hanson from Resource Recovery in Ames spoke to the council and residents present about their program. Hanson stated that the Resource Recovery collects hazardous waste every Wednesday at their facility by appointment. Hanson also stated that the Resource Recovery would be celebrating their 35th Anniversary on August 14th and will hold an Open House sometime in October. The clerk was instructed to collect information and to place an article in the town newsletter. The council thanked Ms. Hanson for her time.

Levi Bappe from Minerva Valley spoke to the council. Bappe presented the council with two requests. Bappe's first request was to ask if he could run fiber cable thru the city to provide service to clients west of town. Bappe's second request was to place a lighted sign within city limits advertising his company and their special promotions. Mayor Loney asked Bappe how long running the fiber would take and how soon was he proposing to start. Bappe stated he believed the fiber project would possibly take a week and that he hoped to start as soon as possible. Attorney Huffer stated that according to the City code Bappe was within his rights to lay the fiber cable within public right-a-ways and would need to provide the city with an updated listing of the cable line. However, if he needed to cross private property he would need to get written permission from the landowners. The clerk asked Bappe that if he did obtain written permission from any landowners that she get copies. Bappe stated that would be fine. Attorney Huffer also stated the city currently had no sign ordinance for businesses and so Bappe could place a sign within city limits provided he obtained written permission from the landowner. Lytle stated he welcomed the upgrade. The council thanked Bappe for his time.

The clerk informed the council that she had called Portable Pro about the cost of a kybo for the city park. Portable Pro was willing to provide a facility at the same prices as last year; \$75/month and \$10 delivery charge. Lytle made a motion to approve renting a kybo from Portable Pro for the summer. Pruisner seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed. The clerk also informed the council that ISU Extension has sent a bill for the comprehensive work they will be doing for the city at the cost of \$1,000.

Lytle made a motion to start accepting mowing bids for the city's mowing and that bids would be accepted until 7pm on April 12th, 2010. Anderson seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed.

The clerk informed the council that she has spoken to six different banks about their rates on Public Funds accounts and is still waiting to hear back from many of them. The council tabled the matter until the April 12th agenda.

Neil Guess from Bolton & Menk spoke to the council about a possibility of the city combing sewer treatment with the City of Roland. Guess pointed out that Roland was still only in the beginning stages of planning and nothing had been decided on as of yet. The council asked Guess to keep the city updated on their plans.

Marsha Cory from Simmering & Cory spoke to the council about their CDBG grant. Cory stated that if the Roland idea was something the city wanted to follow through on that they would still be able to keep their grant money. Cory also suggest putting a hold on the engineering contract with Bartlett & West until the council made a final decision on the Roland offer. Lytle made a motion to have Attorney Huffer place a Cease & Assist on the contract with Bartlett & West and to invite Perry Gjersvik to a Special Council meeting on April 21st, 2010. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed.

Setting a date for the City Water Tour was tabled until the May agenda.

The City received a bid in the amount of \$500 for Parcel 79 from Brandon Hendrick. Lytle made a motion to set May 3rd, 2010 as the date for a Public Hearing on the sale of the property. Pruisner seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed.

Attorney Huffer informed the council that all the necessary papers had been submitted to the County Recorder's Office on Dorcas Hall. Mayor Loney stated that he was still waiting for Alliant Energy to come disconnect the electricity and gas. The clerk stated they were still waiting to hear back from Con-Struct to clarify the bid they had submitted.

Mayor Loney asked the council if they would like him to cut off the water and sewer at the lot line on Parcel 160. Anderson made a motion to cap off the water and sewer lines at the lot line on Parcel 160. Pruisner seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed.

Attorney Huffer stated he would make a master copy of all the ordinances to make assignments for re-codification easier. The issue was tabled until the May agenda.

Prusiner updated the council on the meeting the city had with the ADA about the bank building and any possible upgrades needed. The biggest areas of concern were the width of the bathroom door, installing a light switch in stead of a pull cord in the bathroom, moving pipes and insulating pipes in the bathroom and available handicap parking outside of the building.

The council reviewed the proposed costs of fixing up the building on Parcel 39 which were estimated to be \$5,400 not including paint. The council received a bid from K. Jacobson to remove the building from the lot with the costs being only the materials from the building. Anderson made a motion to accept Jacobson's proposal if he agreed to also remove the transmission building to the north and cleaned up the area after removal. Lytle seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed.

The next Regular Council Meeting is May 3rd, 2010; 7:00 pm.

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

Minutes are not official until approved by council.

Attest: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk