

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday June 1, 2009 at 7 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM. Councilpersons Scott Anderson, David Muth and Jeff Wells were present. Councilman Bill Lytle arrived at 7:30 PM. Councilman Ken Tiarks arrived at 8:00 PM. There were also seven residents, a representative from YSS, Kevin Jacobson, City Attorney Robert Huffer and an engineer from Bartlett & Westin attendance.

Councilman Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda, the minutes from the May 4th meeting and the financial reports. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes with Lytle and Tiarks absent.

Revenue for May 2009

General Income - \$2,882.77
Water Utility Income - \$3,065.56
Sewer Utility Income - \$4,046.54
Solid Waste Revenue - \$1,731.55
Sales Tax and Late Fees - \$233.50
Road Use Fund - \$1,487.08
Total Income: \$13,447.00

Claims Paid for May 2009

Accounting - \$50.00
Culture & Rec. - \$1,352.79
Debt Payments - \$30,133.95
Electric - \$787.10
Equipment Rental - \$223.75
Garbage - \$1,825.45
IPERS - \$80.43
Office Supplies & Postage - \$84.00
Payroll - \$3,083.40
Phone & Internet - \$109.08
Professional Development - \$30.00
Publishing - \$81.69
Repairs & Maintenance - \$208.24
Taxes - \$232.00
Water & Sewer - \$1,980.24
Total Expenses: \$40,262.84

Mayor Loney opened the public hearing for the sale of Lots 1,2,3 & 4 on Block 2 of Original Plat of McCallsburg at 7:19 PM. The city received two bids on the lots. Mayor Loney read both bids to the public. Donna Muth bid \$5,000 on the lots with the intention of using the lots for green space and possibly a garage in the future. R.L. Thompson bid \$5,464.10 on the lots as is, where is. Mayor Loney asked the public if anyone wished to make a comment. No comments made; Mayor Loney closed the public hearing at 7:22 PM. Anderson suggested they put off discussion on the lots until all council members could be present.

Mayor Loney informed the council that the speed trailer had been vandalized the previous Wednesday and that it would be out of commission until repairs could be made.

The clerk reminded the council that she would be on vacation from June 26 – July 5 and that the office would be closed during that time.

Barb Mittman from Youth & Shelter Services spoke to the council on her organization. Mittman said that she worked with the Colo-Nesco weekly SAD group. She stated SAD was very active during red ribbon week and during the school year were able to take three Colo-Nesco students to Des Moines to lobby the legislators. Mittman also helps the school system to meet their health guidelines. Mittman stated that YSS would be celebrating their 25th Anniversary in 2010. Mittman also stated that there was need for an advisory board member from McCallsburg to serve a two year term and that high school students were preferred. The council thanked Mittman for her time.

Two nuisance abatements had been found during the council's walking tour. The mayor and clerk asked the council how they wished to proceed with the abatements. The council decided to table the matter until the next meeting.

It was brought up that now may be time to start work on the safe-routes to school grant. Councilman Lytle stated that he would do some more research and re-visit the issue at the July council meeting.

The council reviewed information the clerk provided about Brownfield grants. No action was taken.

The clerk told the council that the city received information about a Prairie Meadows Grant for the community. Councilman Lytle stated that he would research the issue further.

The clerk informed the council that the city received a Consumer Confidence Report from Central Iowa Water Association. The clerk stated that because the city had a population 500 the report was not required to be published but just made known to the residents. The clerk also informed the council that CIWA sent notice that the water rates would be increasing five percent starting July 1, 2009.

Perry Gjersvik from Bartlett & West spoke to the council about his company and how his company could work with McCallsburg to solve the issue of a new lagoon. Gjersvik stated that previously he has worked for the DNR. Gjersvik also stated that they had a similar project to McCallsburg's already in progress in Garwin, and has worked with Jacobson on that project. Gjersvik suggested working with Simmering & Cory to carry out an income survey to see if the city would be eligible for a CDBG grant. Gjersvik stated that his company would prepare a report to see if rehabilitation is possible and would also check on a possible lagoon upgrade. The council thanked Gjersvik for his time.

Jill Wilson from the Friends of the McCallsburg Library spoke to the council on how their fundraising was coming along. Wilson stated that their pizza fundraiser hoped to bring in \$700 and so far they have received \$500. Wilson presented the council with a money order of \$500 from the money raised so far. Wilson also asked the council if they knew how much the city was able to provide towards the funding of the library for FY '09-'10 so she would have a better idea of a fundraising goal for her group. Muth stated that the council was not really sure because much of the funding the council could provide would come from what the city received from the Local Option Sales Tax.

Mayor Loney informed the council that he had spoken to Alliant Energy and that they were unwilling to break up the \$51,443 owed them from the city into payments. Lytle made a motion for the mayor to borrow money to cover the costs owed Alliant Energy in a 36 month loan. Anderson seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth, Tiarks, and Wells. Motion passed.

Mayor Loney showed the council the bid the city received from Mannatts to repair road damage from last year's flooding. The bid was for \$12,000 and councilman Anderson pointed out that FEMA funds would cover \$8,000 of the cost. Anderson asked the mayor if he could schedule another appointment with Mannatts in the early morning so that he would be able to speak to them as well. Mayor Loney agreed to do so.

The council received another letter from the Gray's to purchase property in the Owen D. Fincham subdivision. The request was to purchase ½ of the lot to the north of their home for \$500. Anderson made a motion to set July 6, 2009 as the hearing date for the sale. Wells seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed. The clerk spoke to the council about the information she gathered from Eldora on the sale of their lots. The council instructed the clerk to invite Debby Johnson to the June 8th meeting to discuss the future sale of the lots.

Mayor Loney informed the council that he has received a bid from Kent Hall for the tile work at the Legion Hall. The bid was \$600 for everything. Vern Nelson asked if a stand pipe would be put in place as well. The mayor said he had forgotten about the standpipe but would talk to Mr. Hall about that. Anderson made a motion to accept Kent Hall's bid including the addition of the stand pipe at no additional cost. Lytle seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

The council spoke about the tile work that has been requested at Parcel #16. Anderson stated that from what he recalled the tile needed to go under utility lines and be hand dug and that the city was unable to find someone willing to do the work. Mayor Loney said he would speak to Kent Hall about that project as well.

All council members stated that they had received a letter from Pruisner concerning the trash service. Lytle stated that he has had problems as well and that he noticed many of the issues arose after the city signed the contract with Trash Man. Muth stated that he believed there was a clause in the contract stating that either party could cancel the contract with 30 days notice. The council instructed the clerk to get bids from other local trash companies.

Lytle made a motion to waive the first and second reading of Ordinance #158 changing McCallsburg elections from a run-off vote to a majority vote. Tiarks seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Lytle, Muth, Tiarks and Wells. Motion passed. Anderson made a motion to pass Ordinance # 158. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

The council revisited the sale of lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 on Block 2 of Original Plat of McCallsburg. The council asked again what the bidders intended to do with the properties. Mrs. Muth stated that she hoped to plant a garden there and possibly build a garage in the future if she had need of one. Mr. Thompson said he was unsure of what his intentions were for the property. Mayor Loney suggested going into closed session to discuss the matter. Mr. Thompson stated that the council could not go into a closed session if it was not previously listed on the agenda. Mr. Huffer agreed. Huffer then asked both parties if they had ever been delinquent in paying their taxes. Mrs. Muth said no she had not. Mr. Thompson said he was unaware if he was delinquent in any taxes. Huffer pointed out that Thompson's name had been listed in the paper as being delinquent on his taxes. Thompson stated that he paid his taxes every three years and has always done it that way. The council tabled to issue. Bidding is closed until July 6th, 2009

The resolution to raise water rates was tabled until June 8, 2009

The next regular council meeting will be July 6th, 2009 at 7 pm in the City Hall.

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