

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Tuesday December 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for the regular monthly meeting. Mayor Wallace Loney called the meeting to order. Councilpersons Chris Erickson, David Muth, and Robin Praisner were present. Councilman Scott Anderson arrived at 7:05pm. City Attorney Robert Huffer with his associate Matthew Coleman, Laura Bell from Story County Youth & Shelter Services, Sherriff's Deputy Any Boeckman, Story County Supervisor Paul Toot, Drew Kamp from Ames Chamber of Commerce, Gary Freel and John Joiner from Ames Resource Recovery and two residents were also in attendance.

Councilwoman Praisner made a motion to approve the agenda, the minutes from the November 4, 2013, regular meeting, the November 26, 2013 Special Meeting and the financial reports. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes motion passed with Anderson and Lytle absent.

Revenue for November 2013

General Income - \$-15.00
Water Utility Income - \$4,873.91
Sewer Utility Income - \$6,722.41
Solid Waste Revenue - \$2,129.76
Total Revenue - \$24,375.79

Claims Paid for November 2013

General

A Man & a Hammer –building repair- \$4,350.00
Alliant Energy –utilities- \$139.78
Brown Supply –flags- \$36.50
Chitty Garbage –garbage service- \$2,328.12
City of Ames –resource recovery- \$1,515.15
Family Tree Care –tree trimming- \$1,500.00
Huffer Law Office –legal fees- \$400.00
IA One Call –Economic Development- \$50.40
Jessica Kockler –cleaning- \$15.00
Payroll expenses –salary & taxes- \$1,495.73
Post Office –postage- \$79.00
Sonia Dodd –mileage- \$17.85
Staples –office supplies- \$31.98
The Bookkeepers –accounting- \$50.00
The Nevada Journal –publishing- \$18.92
Wallace Loney –mileage & expenses- \$204.83
TOTAL - \$12,233.26

Road Use

Alliant Energy –street lights- \$652.48
Blacktop Service –road repairs- \$49,277.01
Campbell Oil –gasoline- \$388.40
TOTAL - \$50,317.89

Water

Ag Source –testing- \$12.00
Central IA Water –water- \$1,545.00
IA Rural Water Assoc. –Dues- \$200.00
Jacobson Enterprises –maintenance- \$263.94
Jessica Kockler –meter reading- \$65.00
Treasurer State of IA –sales tax- \$90.50
TOTAL - \$2,176.44

Sewer

Alliant Energy –pump electricity- \$257.96
Jacobson Enterprises –maintenance- \$263.94
Story City Bldg. Products –lagoon gravel- \$107.90
Treasurer State of IA –sales tax- \$90.50
TOTAL - \$720.30

Total Expenses \$65,447.89

Laura Bell from Youth and Family Services of Iowa spoke to the council about updates to their program in Story County.

Sherriff's Deputy Andrew Boeckman informed the council that the Sherriff's department has solved some recent burglary cases and are currently working on some vandalism cases.

Drew Kamp from the Ames Chamber of Commerce spoke to the council about the \$65,000 grant awarded from the county for the city's water looping project and the \$1,200 Story County Economic Development grant for the east welcome sign.

No committee reports were submitted.

Mayor Loney informed the council that the street holiday decorations had been installed and also reminded the council that the community Christmas party is scheduled for December 14th at 9:30am with doors opening at 9:00 am.

Gary Freel and John Joiner from Resource Recovery both spoke to the council about the updates that have taken place in their program. Mr. Freel mentioned that the 28E agreement with Resource recovery will expire on June 30, 2014. Muth asked about the possibility of Resource Recovery sponsoring another free day. Freel stated that he would mention it to the Ames City Manager and see if an agreement could be reached.

Mayor Loney mentioned when he attended the Story County Mayor's meeting two months ago, Sherriff Fitzgerald proposed a five percent per capita rate increase over five years. Mayor Loney also mentioned that the Sherriff's Department was the city's largest expense from the general fund. Paul Toot mentioned that police protection was likely to be the largest expense for any city. Erickson stated he was un happy because he did not feel the Sherriff's department was in town patrolling enough for the amount of funding that is received from the city. Pruisner stated that she believed the service was great but was concerned about the constant rate increases to small cities that seemed to be paying the highest per capita rate in the state. Muth stated he agreed with Pruisner and that he was concerned about the council's ability to control the rate of expense for every line item in the budget except for the Sherriff. Toot stated that 80% of the Sherriff's budget was to cover wages and that the new equipment was typically only changed every four years. Anderson stated the city has not had a five year contract before and wondered if it would be possible to get a shorter contract. Toot said it was something he would bring up at the next meeting.

Attorney Huffer presented the council with Resolution #13-18 which clears up title of property for Parcel#92. Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution#13-18 granting Debra Thompson a quick claim deed to resolve title issues with Lots 10 and 11 in Block 16 in the Original Town of McCallsburg, Story County, IA. Erickson seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Erickson, Muth. On roll call voting nay: Pruisner. Motion passed with Lytle absent.

No action was taken on the east welcome sign.

Huffer informed the council that the city does not have title to parcel 95 ½ and that it is privately owned.

The next regular council meeting will be held Monday, January 6th, 2014 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilman Pruisner made a motion to adjourn. Anderson seconded the motion. All ayes; motion passed with Lytle absent. Pruisner made a motion to go into closed session for an employee review. Muth seconded the motion. All ayes motion passed with Lytle absent.

Minutes are not official until approved by council.

Attest: Sonia Dodd, City Clerk