

City of McCallsburg

The City Council of McCallsburg met on Monday June 8, 2009 at 6 pm, in the McCallsburg City Hall for a special meeting. Mayor Loney called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Councilpersons David Muth Ken Tiarks and Jeff Wells were present. Councilman Scott Anderson arrived at 6:15 PM. Councilman Bill Lytle was absent. There were also three residents, City Attorney Robert Huffer, two engineers from Nilles Associates and Debby Johnson in attendance.

Councilman Muth made a motion to approve the agenda. Wells seconded the motion. All ayes with Anderson and Lytle absent.

Mayor Loney asked the council to consider making time to finish their NIMS training. He stated that Councilman Wells hasn't taken any classes as yet.

Ross Hillsman and Daniel Spieker from Nilles Associates spoke to the council about their company. Hillsman stated that the company has been around since 1996. Hillsman also stated that they had gotten a copy from DNR about what the requirements for McCallsburg were. Hillsman said their main focus would be to look at the collection system and possibly expanding the lagoon. Muth asked the engineers what they meant by a prepackage detail that was mentioned in their proposal. Spieker described the prepackage details being a modular mechanical plant. Wells asked if a mechanical plant would require a licensed operator. Spieker said that any mechanical plant would require a skilled operator but not necessarily a full time person. Mayor Loney asked if the engineering would be willing to work with Simmering & Cory. Hillsman stated there would be no problems working with them and agreed it would be wise for the city to apply for CDBG money. Mayor Loney also asked about aeration discharge. Spieker stated that aeration is a continuous discharge and would discharge 100% of what was received in a day. Anderson asked about the possibility of overflow cells. Hillsman stated that if the city used a mechanical plant then the current cells could be used as overflow cells. Hillsman asked the council if they had done any televising recently. Anderson answered that the city has done televising every year in different locations. Hillsman said that information would be very helpful and commended the council on such a proactive move. The council thanked both Hillsman and Spieker for their time.

Debby Johnson from IA Realty updated the council on the response she has received on the Owen D. Fincham lots. Johnson stated that since the prices were lowered the only calls she has received have been people asking if they could move trailers onto the property. Johnson also told the council that while existing home sales have risen sales on lots in general have been sluggish. Johnson asked about the information the clerk had gathered from Eldora. The clerk told Johnson that Eldora had done this project within the last two years and so the numbers are from that time period. Johnson asked the council if they have given any more consideration to planting trees. Anderson stated that they may be able to plant along the west end after the wastewater project was started. The clerk reminded the council that Ms. Banks from the Parks department had received grant money to buy trees and that she might be a good person to contact. The council thanked Johnson for her time.

Mayor Loney showed the council the two bids the city had received to repair the road damage from last years flooding. Manatts made a bid of \$12,842 to tear up street and lay down five inches of asphalt. Blacktop Service Co. made a bid of \$11,500 for patch work. Anderson made a bid to accept the bid from Manatts. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes with Lytle absent. Motion passed. The clerk was instructed to write a rejection letter to Blacktop Service Corp.

Mayor Loney told the council he has not heard back from Kent Hall concerning the tile work on Parcel #16. The issue was tabled until July.

After speaking with Attorney Robert Huffer the council instructed the clerk to send out nuisance abatements.

Huffer informed the council that they had the option of having a letter certified to the county to have the delinquent utility bills added to the property taxes for Parcel #56. Huffer stated that the County Sanitarian had been contacted but was unwilling to come and investigate. Mayor Loney asked if it would do any good if he attended a board meeting for the County Sanitarian. Huffer stated that the effort could not hurt. Anderson made a motion that a letter be certified to the county auditor adding the delinquent utility bills to Parcel #56's property taxes. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes with Lytle absent.

The council reviewed two proposals the city has received for garbage service. Mayor Loney stated that he was still waiting on a bid from Waste Management. The council decided to table a decision until July when all bids had been received. Huffer asked the council if they wanted him to proceed with proceedings to terminate the city's contract with The Trash Man. Tiarks made a motion that Huffer begins the process to terminate the city's contract with The Trash Man. Muth seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Muth, Tiarks, and Wells with Lytle absent. Motion passed.

Tiarks made a motion to approve Resolution #09-05 raising the city's water rates to \$12.70 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$5.10 for all over 1,000 gallons of water per month beginning July 1, 2009. Wells seconded the motion. On roll call voting aye: Anderson, Muth, Tiarks, and Wells with Lytle absent. Motion passed.

Tiarks made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the sale of Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 on Block 2 of Original Plat of McCallsburg. Wells seconded the motion. All ayes with Lytle absent.

At 6:55 PM the council went into closed session.

Tiarks made a motion to come out of closed session and return to regular session. Wells seconded the motion. All ayes with Muth & Lytle absent.

The council returned to regular session at 7PM.

Tiarks made a motion to approve Resolution #09-06 to approve the sale of real estate to Donna Muth for \$5,000 with a quick claim deed. Wells seconded the motion. All ayes with Muth and Lytle absent.

Richard Thompson asked the council if he could address the council. Mayor Loney stated Thompson could. Thompson said his intention was to withdraw his bid and give the property to Mrs. Muth. Thompson said he only entered a bid to help Mrs. Muth because he did not believe it was fair that Mrs. Muth's bid had been published in the city's minutes. Anderson asked Thompson why he didn't mention that during the citizen's appearance. Thompson said he didn't realize he could.

Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tiarks seconded the motion. All ayes with Muth and Lytle absent, motion passed.