

Keithsburg City Council Minutes
Held at 302 S. 14th Street
July 11, 2016

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Physically Present: Donnie Cox, Dave Hudson, Jan Occhi, Don Truitt and Lisa Wessels. Absent: Ronnie Brock. Chuck Reynolds-Treasurer, Terri Gibson-Clerk and Gale Moore-Water/Sewer Operator.

Old Business:

Mosquito Spraying Update: Mayor Henshaw explained a Technician is coming next Tuesday to recalibrate the machine, get George setup with the correct chemicals for spraying and train George on how to operate the machine. Then George will be able to start spraying after we post a notice around town and on the website. The council wants the entire town sprayed including city parks, ballpark, and campground.

Veteran's Memorial Park: Bill Pinger and Kasi Henshaw was present and asked the council for \$5,000 startup money to begin the process of starting the park. The funds will be used to purchase t-shirts, food and supplies and will be disbursed as they produce estimates and invoices. Don made a motion to approve; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried. They are seeking volunteers to help with the entire project. They have adopted the Fall Fest event for the Veteran's Memorial Park. Their next meeting is June 21st at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Approve the minutes of last month meeting: Jan made a motion to approve; Dave seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Authorize the Cash Receipts and Disbursements: Jan made a motion to approve; Don seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Streets/Sidewalks: The city received a letter dated June 24, 2016 from IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) regarding the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) program. The State has ceased all funding due to lack of funding. Construction contracts awarded by IDOT are suspended until an appropriations bill is passed. Mayor Henshaw explained the city will continue with the oil and chipping schedule as planned this year, with funds left from last year. They have been placing millings to prep the roads.

Streets/Sidewalks: George explained the sign program that has been under way for years is going to begin soon. All signs in town will be replaced with highly reflective signs as mandated by the state. The cost is \$50.00 per sign.

Playground Equipment: Concrete volunteers: Mayor Henshaw and City Council thanked the following for all their hard work with the preparation and pouring of the concrete. Tim McGehee, Tim Shoemaker, Steve Howard, Richie Nelson, Mark Bell, Kevin Zander, Shawn Tippie, Don Tippie, George Lyle, Donovan Tippie, Will Chism, Shane Vandola, Tim Dockerty, Dennis Wells, Curtis DeWeese, Bill Carle and Deanna Tippie. We have received numerous compliments from the citizens also.

Fire Department: Mayor Henshaw met with Fire Chief Cory Logsdon a few weeks ago, and the fire department would like for the citizens and council to start coming to their meetings. The monthly meeting is always the last Wednesday of the month 7:00 and their training meetings are always the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:00am. They are still in desperate need of EMT's and Richie Springer is working on getting an instructor in our area to conduct EMT classes locally. There are numerous people interested at this time to take the class. Charlie Brown was present and explained the tank on the 1978 ford fire truck is leaking. Charlie Brown suggested purchasing a different fire truck rather than trying to replace the tank. He also explained the importance of the condition of our fire equipment and how it effects our ISO Rating. Everyone's homeowner's insurance rate is effected by the ISO rating.

Alderman Ronnie Brock joined the meeting.

Fire Department Open Burning: The city received a letter from the city attorney explaining that it is illegal to have open burning, such as a dwelling of any kind without a permit.

Heidi Carle's Fire Department Application: Jan made a motion to approve; Don seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Fire Truck: Donnie asked Charlie Brown if he knew how much it would cost to purchase a good used fire truck? Charlie explained it would cost approximately \$25,000 for a descent truck. However, Central Warren Fire Protection has one for sale now for \$15,000 or best offer (1984 Chevy 750-gallon pump and a generator). He suggested they get rid of 2 trucks. Jan made a motion to spend up \$25,000 on a used fire truck contingent upon the approval of the Fire Chief Logsdon, Donnie Cox and Charlie Brown; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Mayor Henshaw informed the council that Pat Heinz willed a homemade brush truck to the fire department years ago. Charlie Brown explained Pat built the brush truck to use for his own personal fire protection and he would respond to a fire whenever he was available. He then willed the truck to the fire department. Mayor Henshaw found out recently that the truck is being sold to a current fire department member, and as city property it must be put up for bid. Dave and Ronnie both suggested we contact the city attorney. Mayor Henshaw will call the city attorney.

Police Department: Mayor Henshaw explained Jackie Smith will be getting her firearms training in August and hopefully schooling will start the 1st of October. He mentioned there is another person interested in taking the schooling. Officer Steve Henshaw mentioned another person interested in working for the city that already has all the qualifications.

Campground 50amp Breakers: Mayor Henshaw explained an electrician has looked at the electric system and it is not feasible to put anymore 50amp services in the campground without upgrading the electric wire and putting in another 250amp service we have the available space for the new service. George will get an estimate.

City Wide Cleanup: Ronnie suggested we set a time to hire Jackson's Disposal to bring a couple roll off dumpsters in for a city wide cleanup. Kenny Jackson was present and explained they would charge \$500 for each 30-yard dumpster, but someone would have to stay with the dumpster to make sure appliances, tires, paint and etc. was not placed in them. Our garbage service at this time includes one large item on the first Wednesday of each month. The garbage contract expires December 31, 2016 and the council may discuss adding city wide cleanup as part of the new contract, however everyone's garbage rate would increase. Kenny also explained that Mercer County residents can take TV's, electronics and paint to Aledo (next to the VFW-old pumping station) on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:00-12:00 and 12:30-3:00. Hedgers outside of Aledo will take white goods (appliances). Ronnie made a motion to approve 2 dumpsters \$1,000 and he will man the dumpsters on September 24th from 6:00am-3:00pm; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-abstained; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Campground: Earlier this summer Donovan Tippie arranged a band on the beach at the campground and all the band members donated their time. He would like to do this again this Saturday the 16th and is asking the council to pay up to \$200.00. Donovan and Shaun Tippie are donating their time, however other band members may want to be compensated. Donnie made a motion to pay up to \$200; Ronnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream to celebrate George passing his mosquito spraying class.

Donnie made a motion to adjourn; Dave seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Time: 8:00pm

Terri Gibson
City Clerk