

Keithsburg City Council Minutes
Held at 302 S. 14th Street
August 8, 2016

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Physically Present: Dave Hudson, Jan Occhi, Don Truitt and Lisa Wessels. Chuck Reynolds-Treasurer, Terri Gibson-Clerk, and George Lyle-Maintenance Man. Donnie Cox-absent.

Old Business:

Campground 50amp Breakers: Last month the council discussed installing 50amp electric service in the back row at the campground. Mayor Henshaw explained that at this time he has not received a cost estimate from Bigger Electric.

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

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

“IKE” Levee and Storm Grants Update: There will be a Special Meeting at City Hall on August 22, 2016 at 6:30 and MSA representatives will be present to give an update on these projects. Mayor Henshaw explained this will be a very informative meeting and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Water/Sewer: Still flushing hydrants

Alderman Ronnie Brock joined the meeting.

Streets/Sidewalks: Lisa mentioned the new signs around town look very nice. There are hearing impaired children that live at 8th & Washington Street. Jan made a motion to put “hearing impaired children” signs up; Lisa seconded. Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department: The engine had blown in the ambulance and the fire department had received 2 bids for repairs. Cokel’s Welding was the low bid at \$16,531. The city and the fire department is both paying half the expense and they are hoping to have it back in running order by the end of this week.

Fire Department Corn Boil: August 13, 2016 from 11:00am-? Serving pulled pork sandwiches, corn on the cob and all the fixings. Adult-\$8.00 and Children 12 & under \$5.00. Entertainment all day.

Fire Department: Ronnie discussed repairing the Ford Fire Truck rather than getting rid of it. He thinks the main problem is with the carburetor and he is going to try and rebuild it or may have to buy a new one.

Police Department: Mayor Henshaw explained Jackie Smith is scheduled for her power test next month. Nathan Davis was present and he is interested in going to part-time police officer training. He is willing to pay for all his own expenses. The council discussed sending him to the school and if he doesn't graduate and/or pass the physical he will agree to pay back the cost of the schooling, plus he must agree to work as a police officer for the city for a minimum of 2 years. Jan made a motion to approve with all the stipulations and pay minimum wage until after schooling is completed; Dave seconded. Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Campground: Ronnie has some people interested in the property southeast of the car wash. They have discussed the city leasing the property to them for a miniature golf course, then possibly after about 3 years it would become the city's. The council discussed other possible areas, however that area is being left open to expand the campground. Ronnie will check into pouring concrete on FEMA lots. Jan suggested purchasing playground equipment for the campground.

Campground Improvements: Carolyn would like the mortar cleaned up in the bathhouses and painting the interior walls. Ronnie will contact Kenny Tharp.

Fish Fest: September 2nd and September 3rd at the pavilion at the campground. Friday-golf cart parade, bags tournament, and beer truck. Saturday- catfish tournament, followed by fish fry (serving catfish, scored carp or chicken fillet), beer truck, Vital Signs Band and fireworks.

Ordinances: Public Health concern regarding an abandoned well at 908 Madison Street. Mayor Henshaw explained it is an old well pit that is open. Terri will mail a letter.

Resolutions: Accept the resolution to hire Andrew Speck for part-time maintenance and pay him minimum wage. Mayor Henshaw explained Andrew no longer works for the city, however he would like a motion to hire Jamie Malcom at minimum wage for part-time maintenance worker. Jan made a motion to approve contingent upon an interview with Mayor Henshaw; Dave seconded. Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Animal Control Contract Renewal \$200.97 per month: Lisa made a motion to approve; Jan seconded. Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Mosquito Spraying: George explained he had started spraying north of Washington Street and got approxiamately half of the town, plus the campground completed prior to the storm. He is now waiting for a wind out of the right direction to continue. The chemical he is spraying is not harmful for humans or pets.

Jan made motion to adjourn, Dave seconded, accepted by all.

Time: 7:15pm

Terri Gibson/City Clerk