

Keithsburg City Council Minutes
Held at 302 S. 14th Street
December 12, 2016

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Physically Present: Donnie Cox, Dave Hudson, Jan Occhi, Lisa Wessels, Don Truitt and Ronnie Brock. Also present Treasurer-Charles Reynolds; Clerk-Terri Gibson, Maintenance Man-George Lyle and Water Sewer Operator-Gale Moore.

Old Business:

Playground Equipment for Campground: Remove from the agenda for now.

Public Comments: Cindy Diehl mentioned the Christmas Lights looked really nice.

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

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

Water/Sewer: The city received a letter from the IEPA regarding the sewer at 9th & 10th Street between Short and Walnut. The council must approve the construction. Jan made a motion to approve; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Donnie made a motion to approve a contract for Gale Moore as Water/Sewer Operator for December and January; Jan seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Gale explained Bill Pinger, Jr. is still working on schooling and hands on experience for his water and sewer operator's licenses.

Gale suggested the city incorporate new controls for the pumps as part of the new water tower grant.

Christmas Light Displays. Judges will be Jan Occhi, Cindy Diehl, Allen Henshaw and Elaine Henshaw. Judging will be December 18, 2016 at 6:00pm

Police Department: Mayor Henshaw explained Jackie didn't pass the last power, however she will have one last chance to pass on January 7th. Part-Time Police schooling starts January 14th. Nathan passed the power test and will be starting classes.

Campground: Mayor Henshaw explained there have been 4 new camp pads poured and had talked to Bigger electric about getting the new electric and he will start when weather permits.

Tax Levy for 2016-2017: Corporate \$10,000; Fire \$3,500; Police \$3,500; Audit \$986; Social Security \$7,057; Unemployment \$732; Insurance \$18,927; Street Lighting \$3,000; Workman's Comp 9,518; Street & Bridge \$3,000 for a total of \$60,220. Jan made a motion to approve; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Fire Department personnel and Christmas bonuses for employees. Motion Jan made a motion to approve; Don seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Mike Sponsler the spokesperson for Genesis and Dennis Litwiler the Aledo Fire Chief were both present. Sponsler explained his concerns regarding the Genesis Ambulance responding to the Keithsburg area at this time. Keithsburg doesn't have a contract for their services, however they have been responding because our volunteer fire department is having problems manning up for ambulance calls. Numerous communities around us have contracted for their services. If the city chooses to sign a 2-year contract with Genesis then our ambulance will become a first responder vehicle rather than an ambulance. The contract in the amount of \$15,000 annually with Genesis will include the ambulance service, paramedics, training for first responders and supplies for our first responder vehicle. Genesis is required to rebid their contract every 2-years, therefore our contract amount may change as needed. Sponsler mentioned our volunteers have done a tremendous job and they all feel it is in the best interest of our community to accept the contract. They have estimated the respond time to be 13-15 minute. Genesis will also be encouraging the city to form a fire district, that way everyone within our district will be taxed. Donnie made a motion to approve; Ronnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried. Sponsler also explained that all calls would have a dual page and Genesis would be paged out first then Keithsburg. They will need someone from Keithsburg to sit on their board. The contract will be in effect on January 1, 2017.

Fire District Committee: Mayor Henshaw appointed the following Lisa, Jan, Ronnie, Davina, and Cory Logsdon. Sponsler explained Attorney Brady will work diligently on this matter. Donnie thanked the fire department members for all their years of service.

Christmas Bonus: Dave made a motion to approve same as last year; Jan seconded. Jan resend her second and Lisa made a motion to approve; \$150 for George Lyle and Terri Gibson and \$50 for police officers and streets to be paid out of General Fund Checking, plus \$50 to campground host to be paid out of campground checking. Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

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

Time: 7:35pm

Terri Gibson
City Clerk