

Keithsburg City Council Minutes
Held at 302 S. 14th Street
March 10, 2014

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Alderman Physically Present: Kae Stevens, Jan Occhi, Jeff Gilmour, Bud Laubach, and Dave Hudson. Davina Logsdon was absent. Charles Reynolds-Treasurer and Terri Gibson-City Clerk

Minutes of last month meeting: Jan made a motion to accept; Jeff seconded, accepted by all.

Cash Receipts: Jan made a motion to accept; Dave seconded, accepted by all.

Cash Disbursements: Jan made a motion to accept; Dave seconded, accepted by all.

Monsanto Fund: Paul Sheriff received \$2,500 from America's Farmers Grow Communities and he chose to donate the funds to the Keithsburg Playground Committee which will go towards improving the park located at 6th & Main Street. A Monsanto representative and Paul Sheriff presented the Playground Committee with the ceremonial check in the amount of \$2,500.

MSA Professional Services: Chris Jansen was present to give an update on the "IKE" projects.

"IKE" Street Project: Laverdiere Construction and the IKE office are still working through final closeout of the project.

"IKE" Levee & Storm Project: The levee along Pope Creek has been revised to minimize the wetland impacts. The city will need to acquire several parcels of land to complete the project. MSA will be in contact with the IKE office to see if IKE funds can be used for the property acquisition. MSA is testing the sand from the stockpile outside of town to see if it can be used for the levee construction. The levee cross-section is also going through a geotechnical analysis prior to final design and they are working on the design of under seepage counter-measures in some locations along the levee. MSA is also in the process of determining storm flows to the pump station for sizing the pump capacity and power requirements.

"IKE" City of Keithsburg Comprehensive Planning Grant: The draft is complete for both the housing needs assessment and comprehensive plan. The city will be adopting the plan in April 2014. Visu-Sewer will be starting the televising work in the next couple of weeks. George Lyle has been notified and plans to begin opening up manholes that are paved over and he will be assisting Visu-Sewer when they begin work.

Campground Improvements Permits: Chris from MSA explained they have been working on a set of plans to be submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding the permits for the campground extension.

“IKE” Mercer County Comprehensive Planning Grant Resolutions: Jennifer Hamerlinck and Kristina Munson were present and explained the County gave careful consideration to promote the sustainable planning principles as required by the Illinois Disaster Recovery Program. A few things included in the plan are to address: more transportation choices, affordable housing, enhance economic competitiveness, support existing communities, coordinate policies and leverage investment, and value communities and neighborhoods. A hard copy of the complete plan is at city hall if anyone is interested in reviewing it. The plan has already been approved through the State. They will be updating the plan annually. Jan made a motion to accept the resolution; Jeff seconded, accepted by all.

Water/Sewer: Gale Moore explained the blower pump will be back in operation next week. He also mentioned he is changing to a different fluoride pump and this requires an operating permit from the IEPA after he applies for the permit the city engineer will need to sign off.

Police Department Applications: Application received from Jacob Marlow to attend Part-Time Basic Training. The next class starts March 15, 2014; therefore the city sent Jacob to pass the Power Test on March 8, 2014. Jeff questioned why we sent him through the power test without the council reviewing the applications. Mayor Henshaw explained the time frame was so close for getting him registered for the class. There was another application received, however there was not enough time for him to get everything arranged with such short notice, he asked that we keep his application on file for future reference. The school expense is reimbursed through the state after he graduates. The city would have to pay Jacob minimum wage during his schooling, plus mileage. In exchange Jacob will be required to sign an agreement with the following stipulations: he will work for the City of Keithsburg for a minimum of 2 years after he graduates or if he doesn't graduate for any reason on schedule, he would be responsible to reimburse the city for the cost of schooling. The cost of the schooling is \$1,350.00. Dave made a motion to approve sending Jacob to school; Jan seconded, accepted by all except Jeff who voted-no. Motion carried.

Part-Time Police Officer Applications: No applications received.

Fire Department: Mayor Henshaw presented a plaque to Charlie Brown and Arnold Askew for their dedication and commitment by serving the citizens of the City of Keithsburg for 30 years. Charlie and Arnold neither one was present, therefore Jeff will present them with the plaques.

Streets/Sidewalks: Mayor Henshaw thanked Ronnie Brock, Donovan Tippie and Shaun Tippie for helping with the roads during the winter storms. He also explained there is a sewer line break going down over the hill in front of Larry Robbins house. There are a few households in town with frozen water lines and one that was dug up recently the frost was at 48" and water line was 46". George Lyle mentioned he is working on getting rock to fill holes and the side of streets.

Campground: Jan suggested purchasing more picnic tables for the campground and pavilions. The frames cost \$60.00 per table, plus 2x10x8 boards are \$44.85, plus the cost of bolts and paint. Jeff made a motion to purchase (20) picnic tables and pay ½ out of the Campground Checking and the other ½ out of General Fund Checking; Bud seconded, accepted by all.

Shelter Care Training: Jan presented a binder of information from the training. There is a hard copy at city hall for review. Jan also mentioned we need to purchase food, pots and pans for the shelter. Mayor Henshaw explained we also need to fix the shower in the girl's restroom in case of emergencies. Jan reminded

everyone to keep all receipts pertaining to the shelter for FEMA. Donation of old pots, pans, utensils, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Jan will present the council with a grocery list and prices next month.

Boy Scouts Annual Duck Race is April 12, 2014

Playground Equipment Improvements Account: Deanna Tippie asked how much was in the account. Charles Reynolds explained there was \$4,159.16 prior to the \$2,500.00 donation tonight for a total of \$6,659.16.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn; Dave seconded, accepted by all.

Terri Gibson
City Clerk