

Keithsburg City Council Minutes
Held at 302 S. 14th Street
June 8, 2015

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Alderman Physically Present: Davina Logsdon, Jan Occhi, Ronnie Brock, Don Truitt, and Lisa Wessels. Donnie Cox was absent.

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

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

ATV's and Dirt Bikes: Last month the council stopped allowing anyone to ride on city property and they were looking for a different location for everyone to ride, however Blaine Kurth from IML (Illinois Municipal League) the city's insurance company had met with Mayor Henshaw to discuss this matter. Blaine has informed Mayor Henshaw that the city should not allow any such activity nor should the city be allowing anyone to park vehicles on city property due to the liability of leaking fluids. Davina made a motion to no longer allow riding on the city properties; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried. This doesn't affect the Golf Carts and/or ATV riding on city streets.

Levee Project Update: Jared Fluhr (MSA) was present and explained there will be a meeting later this month to discuss the levee and storm pump improvements phasing and priorities. The grant was extended through 2017 by the IKE office, which is going through some transitions at this time. DCEO will be taking over the grant administration, and may require MSA or the City to assist with paperwork. The design for the levee fill material is in the feasibility phase and they are testing the stockpile of sand north of town MSA is also discussing the sanitary sewer lift station (Lift Station B at 10th Street) and intends on meeting with George and Gale to discuss potential lift station relocation sites and project specifics.

Storm Pump Improvements Update: Jared explained they are doing a frequency analysis (a statistics-based study to determine the chances of heavy rainfall at the same time flooding is happening on the Mississippi and/or Pope Creek) to determine an appropriate pump size/pump rate.

LMI Survey: To date the city is showing a community wide low-to-moderate income of just over 70%. Steve Haring (MSA) will be in town later this week to gather a few extra survey's from residents to push the overall responses well past the 75% threshold. The surveys are good for 5 years.

Illinois Disaster Recovery Funding: On June 5, 2015, the State published updated grant application and criteria for the additional \$6.5 million in Il Disaster Recovery Program Funding for storm damaged infrastructure improvements. The city may be eligible for funds if we had any damages from severe winter storm & snow storm within January 31 to February 3 of 2011 or severe storms, straight-line winds and flooding from April 16 to May 5, 2013.

Cookbooks (Becky Tippie): Playground committee fund raiser that was tabled last month. Jan explained the playground committee is taking care of the start-up fee. Jan also mentioned they are looking for volunteers to help with setting up the new playground equipment sometime in July.

City Officials and Employees Social Media Ordinance: Last month the council discussed adopting an ordinance that would not allow city officials and/or employees to comment on any type of social media regarding city matters. Tabled from last month. Motion not carried for a lack of motion.

Water/Sewer: Gale Moore reported there was 1,250,700 gallons of water pumped with an average of 40,300 gallons per day. The new pump was installed in well#4, however another problem was discovered. The screen in the well is possibly incrustated and it will cost approximately \$12,000 to \$16,000 to have it air burst.

Police Department: The police officers will be enforcing the State Statue regulations for all Golf Carts and ATV. The state mandates that in order for municipalities to allow ***Golf Carts and ATV's*** to ride on city streets they must obey the following regulations: driver must have a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and the ATV or non-highway vehicle must have brakes, steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices on front and rear, a slow moving emblem on the rear, headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear, brake lights and turn signals. Officer Bellegante explained hand turn signals is not accepted the mandates you must have actual turn signals on either apparatus. Anyone riding without following the above regulations may be issued a written citation and the ATV and/or Golf Cart could be confiscated. After much discussion the council agreed to adopt a new ordinance making an annual inspection of all Golf Carts and/or ATV's mandatory along with charging a \$15.00 fee for the privilege of riding them on the city streets. The city police officer will conduct the inspections and issue a sticker that must be displayed. Officer Bellegante also explained that all state laws do apply to Golf Carts and ATV's therefore everyone must realize they can be issued tickets for a DUI and running stop sign the same as operating a vehicle. Anyone that doesn't have a sticker after the ordinance is passed will have the following consequences per occurrence: 1st -warning, 2nd -\$100.00 fine, 3rd time the apparatus will be confiscated. The police officer will conduct the inspections. Davina made a motion to table until next month; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Fire Department: Davina explained the members of the Fire Department are planning to burn the pile at 7th & Jackson Street this Sunday.

Fire Department Corn Boil and 2nd Annual Memorial Run: Davina asked the council to waive the fee for a special event liquor license application. Jan made a motion to approve; Ronnie seconded. Davina-abstained; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried. The Corn Boil is on September 12, 2015.

Officer Bellegante suggested dropping the speed limit to 5mph in the campground: Jan made a motion to accept; Don seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Streets/Sidewalks: Mayor Henshaw thanked Richie Nelson, Tim Shoemaker Jr, Tim McGhee, Mickey Ellis, Kevin Zander, Charlie Campbell, and Brian Vickers for volunteering time and helping pour sidewalks and/or concrete pads, plus anyone else that may have assisted in anyway. Plus, he thanked Bubby Tippie for supplying refreshments.

Campground: Terri suggested adding lots 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49 to the \$220.00 monthly rate that includes 8 nights of free camping. Davina made a motion to approve; Lisa seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried. Mayor Henshaw asked the council if they wanted to include the 4 sites on the north end in row 4 that has 50amp service as \$220.00. Apparently last year these campsites were included in the \$220.00 monthly rate. The council did not want them included in the \$220.00, if someone camps there it is regular rate of \$15.00 per night or \$350.00 per month.

Campground Appliances: Davina asked about the washing machine that is at campsite #18. Davina explained that several years ago we forced campers to remove several appliances along with other items and she didn't feel it was fair to allow it now. Davina made a motion that site #18 must remove the washing machine and/or

move it inside, plus add no large appliances allowed outside to the rules; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Campground: Discuss getting a Pop Machine at the campground. Lisa suggested contacting Fresh Ideas out of Muscatine. Davina made a motion to approve; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Campground: Terri suggested installing ½” thick Duragrid interlocking puzzle drainage floor mats in both restrooms/bathhouses. The tiles cost \$3.30 per 1’ x 1’ square. Donnie helped measure the bathhouses and he suggested covering the entire floor in both buildings and the total cost would be \$3,303.30 for 1001 squares. Davina made a motion to approve; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Prevailing Wage Ordinance: Davina made a motion to approve; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Zoning: Bud Laubach resigned as the chairman of the zoning board. Mayor Henshaw appointed Donnie Cox as the new chairman of the zoning board. Davina made a motion to approve; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Re-Zone the 2008 Fema Buyout Properties: The council discussed moving forward with a public hearing to re-zone the 2008 Fema buyout properties that are currently zoned residential to recreational. As part of Fema regulations the properties must remain open green space and the only things it can be used for is recreational. The council agreed to go forward with the zoning board to conduct a public hearing for the zoning change.

Parking on FEMA Properties: Mayor Henshaw explained that Blaine from the insurance company requested that the city not allow anyone to park vehicles on the FEMA lots unless it is a designated area for parking. Lisa is going to follow up with the insurance company regarding swing sets. The council agreed that anyone that has anything parked and/or placed on FEMA properties must move them immediately.

Zoning-Chickens: Josh Carle presented the council with a petition with 109 signatures from residents that feel the city should allow chickens within the city limits. Davina explained he would have to go to the zoning board and apply for a variance. Josh asked the council “to reword the zoning ordinance because other residents would like to have chickens as well” Josh mentioned a variance would cost him \$125.00. Terri suggested combining the public hearing with the re-zoning publication and sharing the expense with city, then it would only cost him \$50.00 for the publication and \$25.00 for the application. After much discussion Josh agreed.

Davina made motion to adjourn, Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Time: 8:30PM

Terri Gibson
City Clerk