

**Keithsburg City Council Minutes**  
**Held at 302 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**May 9, 2016**

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Physically Present: Jan Occhi; Donnie Cox; Ronnie Brock; Don Truitt and Lisa Wessel. Absent-Dave Hudson.

Also Present: Mayor Allen Henshaw; City Clerk-Terri Gibson; City Treasurer-Charles Reynolds; Water/Sewer Operator-Gale Moore; Streets/Sidewalks-George Lyle and Police-Officer John Gray.

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## Old Business

Roof Bids: Recoat existing foam roof at City Hall on both upper and lower roof: Riddell Roofing \$18,350; Precision Roofing & Coating-\$18,500. Tear off existing shingles on the Fire Station and replace with metal, plus reseal existing metal on the North end. Stutzman Construction-\$9,300-\$9,500 plus \$500 for a dumpster; Precision Roofing & Coating-\$17,200. Jan made a motion to table until next month; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Prior Willy's Saloon Building Bid: Two bids were received last month and the highest bidder was Pat Wilson and Marianne Gotaas for \$5,007.61. Pat and Marianne were present and explained they intended to remodel the upper level of the building and make 2 apartments. And they are not real sure at this time what they are going to do with the lower, perhaps a small grocery store or rental hall. Their top priority is the upper level apartments. Donnie made a motion to accept the offer of \$5,007.61; Jan seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; Lisa-yes; and Mayor Henshaw-yes. Motion carried.

John Deere Mower Trade: Donnie and George will have more information next month.

Campground Bathhouse Improvements: Donnie presented a bid from Kenny Tharp-\$5,500; Doran Construction-\$8,685. Ronnie made a motion to accept Kenny Tharp's bid; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Mosquito Spraying: Lisa had contacted Chris Defrieze from New Boston and it would cost \$500 per spraying. She also contacted Dave Harfst from CPS and he informed her the cost for the chemical "Permethrin" to spray for mosquito's costs \$81.50 per gallon and it only takes 4 ounces per acre to spray (\$2.54 an acre). The chemical requires an operator's license to spray. Lisa talked to Jack Swanson from the Illinois Department of Health and he informed her the next class is May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and it costs \$50.00 for the General Standard Class. The Operator's License is good for 3 years and he would be able to spray any chemical for 3 years. The class is in Springfield and they would stay overnight in a hotel. Jan made a motion to approve sending 2 people to class; Don seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Citizens were very upset that they were not informed the Fire District Meeting was cancelled they were not informed. Mayor Henshaw explained that Kevin Zander called him last Wednesday regarding the meeting being changed from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> and Terri changed the sign last Thursday. Then last Friday afternoon he notified him that the meeting was canceled. Communication needs to improve if they want the public to stay interested because numerous people showed up on the 7<sup>th</sup> after changing their plans for the weekend.

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

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

Water/Sewer: Total gallons of water pumped for month 978,500 and 32,600 daily. Gale explained Bill Pinger, Jr has been doing some training this month and he wants to train one more month prior to committing to the schooling. He will discuss this with the council next month.

Streets/Sidewalks: Lisa has had 5 citizens request rock in the alley from 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Main to Washington. After much discussion. Donnie made a motion to approve; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department Allen Henshaw, Jr. Application: Jan made a motion to approve; Ronnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Police Department: Mayor Henshaw mentioned last month the fire department was asked to submit an updated members list of all the volunteers for the fire trucks and ambulance service, including their titles, job descriptions and/or duties and a copy of everyone's valid driver's license. The State Fire Marshall is requesting this information to update their roster. Ronnie will take care of this matter.

Police Department: Part-Time Police Officers Chris and Mike Defrieze are no longer employed by the City of Keithsburg. Mayor Henshaw asked the council to approve the resolution to hire John Gray as a part-time police officer and pay \$16.00 an hour. Jan made a motion to accept the resolution; Don seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Campground: Donnie suggested adding more campsites to the special \$220 monthly rate (includes 8 nights of free camping). He explained some of the sites have 50amp service which would cost less to run the double air conditioning units than people using an adapter for a 30amp service and running both units. After much discussion Donnie made a motion to approve adding the following campsites 39, 49, 50, 51, 52 plus handicap requirement for 65 & 66 to the \$220 monthly rate; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Campground: Donnie has had campers request 50amp service for campsites 58, 63 & 64. Mayor Henshaw reminded the council that the campers on the special rate of \$220 monthly are not

supposed to run their air conditioners run all of the time. Lisa made a motion to approve replacing the 30amp service to 50amp service for campsites 58, 63 & 64; Don seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Campground: Terri suggested planting trees at the campground. Kenny Tharp has 10-Skyline Locust Trees (10' -12' tall and 1 ½" to 2" base) that he would plant for \$50.00 each and 2 Maple Trees for \$150.00. (1-\$100 and 1-\$50). The total of \$650 includes delivery and planting. Lisa made a motion to approve; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Playground Committee: Daniele Tippie was present and explained the Blue Spruce tree at the city park is a hazard. She presented the council with pictures of a truck parked at 6<sup>th</sup> & Main Street stop sign going south, in which the pictures showed the tree was blocking the truck. In addition, she presented the council with a layout of the committee's future plans and the tree is in a bad location. They plan to install 2 lamp posts with electric plugins and the city can use them for Christmas decorations. The committee also offered to plant 2 blue spruce at the Gazebo park at 4<sup>th</sup> & Main Street if the city allows them to remove the big Blue Spruce at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Park. Ronnie suggested they plant some type of trees at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street park for shade. The Memorial bricks will be placed around the lamp poles. Lisa made a motion to allow the tree removal; Ronnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Playground Committee Sidewalk: Daniele asked if the city would replace the sidewalk on the east side of the park. They are being given a big break on the concrete at \$102.50 per yard and numerous union guys are donating their time and labor to pour. The city would have to pay for 20 yards of concrete. Donnie made a motion to pay \$2,050 for the concrete; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Ronnie made motion to adjourn, Lisa seconded, accepted by all.

Time: 8:15pm

Terri Gibson  
City Clerk