

Keithsburg City Council Minutes
Held at 302 S. 14th Street
August 12, 2013

Mayor Henshaw opened the meeting at 6:30 PM

Alderman Physically Present: Kae Stevens, Davina Logsdon, Jan Occhi, Bud Laubach and Dave Hudson. Jeff Gilmour was absent. Chuck Reynolds-Treasurer was also present.

Electrical Panel at the Lift Station Resolution: Approve the resolution in the amount of \$14,000.00 (\$6,500 AmerenIP and \$7,500 Electric Panel) to install and upgrade the electric panel to 3 phase at the C lift station. Jan made a motion to accept; Bud seconded, accepted by all.

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

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

Cash Disbursements (Mileage Reimbursement): Allen presented the council with a mileage sheet example; he suggested that anyone using their personal vehicle for city business be reimbursed for mileage when using their personal vehicle for city business. Jan suggested everyone present a map quest with the mileage sheet for proof of mileage. Jan made a motion to except the mileage form with a map quest attached, Bud seconded, accepted by all.

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

MSA Professional Services (Engineers): Jared Fluhr gave the following updates on the “IKE” Grants:

“IKE” Street Project Update: Laverdiere Change Order #1 including the use of millings for roadway base, geotextile fabric for subgrade stabilization, additional storm sewer, and an extension to the final completion date of the project now being October 15, 2013. The total net increase of the change order no. 1 is \$10,898.50. Laverdiere also submitted their second pay request in the amount of \$134,682.44. Davina made a motion to accept change order #1 and pay request #2; Jan seconded, accepted by all. AmerenIP will be replacing the sidewalks that have been torn up, after the entire road work is complete. Jared suggested the residents need to keep notes regarding grass and sidewalks, etc.

“IKE” Levee and Storm Update: MSA met with Corps of engineers last week regarding the design of the levee. Several items were discussed and MSA will continue moving forward with the design. In the near future the geotechnical investigation will begin, consisting of Terracon performing soil borings and a detailed geotechnical report.

“IKE” Comprehensive Planning: MSA and the City of Keithsburg held a kick off meeting on July 8th. The next step is to hold a community-wide kickoff meeting, which is scheduled to be held on September 9, 2013 at 5:00pm. The public is strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting and the entire planning process.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment: The council discussed making changes to Ordinance No 2 of Series 1992, Section 7-1 to not allow hog confinements within the city limits. The Keithsburg Zoning Board will conduct a public hearing on September 6, 2013 at 6:00pm. Nick Anderson from the Illinois livestock was present and mentioned a notice to construct was already filed with the state, which is one of several steps they are mandated to follow prior to construction. For more information go to www.illinoislivestock.org.

Cleaning at City Hall (2 bids received): Alee Nylin \$9.00 per hour and Mary Ebert \$15.00 per hour. Jan made a motion to accept the lowest bid, Bud seconded, accepted by all except Davina who voted-no. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Clarence Howard asked the city council to donate free camping vouchers for their corn boil auction. Dave made a motion to accept; Bud seconded, accepted by all. Clarence then explained that years ago Ed Smith sold the fire department 10 picnic tables which the city uses at the campground most of the time; however they need to use their own tables this weekend for their corn boil. The council agreed that would not be a problem, plus there was some discussion about purchasing (10) new picnic tables. Allen explained it would cost \$2,160.74 to do some electrical work in the shelter at the fire station. Jan made a motion to accept; Dave seconded, accepted by all. Davina explained there are several kids vandalizing the basketball court area and the council suggested the citizens try to help keep an eye open and contact an alderman if they see any wrong doing. Clarence also mentioned the city should let the fire department run things as we did in the past because we don't want to lose the fire station. Dave explained we all just need to get along and that nobody has accused anyone of stealing. Without the fire station all the resident's house insurance would be very costly. Dave explained the city and the fire station are all the same entity and we need to just get along. Everyone needs to remember it is a *Volunteer Department* and Judy, Kathy and Davina spend a lot of time preparing paperwork. Davina explained Terri offered to enter all of Judy's ledgers into the computer which took 14 hours. Davina made a motion to give Terri 14 hours of comp time, Kae seconded, accepted by all. Judy mentioned this Saturday is the Corn Boil Fundraiser to help raise money to pay for the new 2005 Ford Ambulance and everyone is invited to stop by the fire station to see it. She also welcomed all the council members to come help with the activities. Allen explained he does support the fire department. Chuck mentioned the reason the city asked for the books was because it is the law and in order to be legal the city must have the paperwork. Allen explained we need to have better communication and he apologized if he stepped on anybody's toes.

Streets and Sidewalks: Davina suggested giving Robbie Doss a raise. Jan made a motion to discuss in closed session; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

Motor Fuel Tax (MFT): Approve a resolution in the amount of \$23,067.92. Davina made a motion to accept; Jan seconded, accepted by all. Davina suggested not doing the oil & chipping until next year due to the road work going on. The council agreed to allow Dave and George to determine which roads to oil & chip this year.

Campground: Davina suggested allowing Donald Tippie, Sr. to camp for free the rest of the summer for all his hard work with the cleanup at the campground. Davina made a motion to give Donald Tippie, Sr. free camping for the rest of the summer. No second made. The council felt this might cause hard feelings with some of the other volunteers such as the citizens have volunteered their time to sandbag and assist with the mowing. Jan suggested the council should send thank you letters to all the volunteers if possible. Jan made a motion to not accept the free camping, however she would be in charge of making sure all the volunteers received a thank you letter; Dave seconded, accepted by all except Davina who voted-no. Motion carried.

Campground: Jan explained the Emerald Ash Borer is now present in Illinois and Iowa. There is a state law prohibiting anyone from bringing wood in from another state. Dave made a motion to post a sign at the campground; Jan seconded, accepted by all.

Campground: Elsie Stotler (Campground Host) had a list of complaints: light on back row not working, no headlights on golf cart; electric at fish shack, new post along campsites, handicap rail in bathrooms and sandburs. Davina explained she was down there over the weekend and there was water standing all around campsites.

Electric at Fish Shack: Jan made a motion to spend up to \$500 to repair the electric at the fish shack to get both freezers working again; Dave seconded, accepted by all.

Post along the edge of the campsites: The posts are for camping registration tickets. Davina explained some of the posts are in bad spots and she suggested talking to the campers.

Sandburs and Goat: Jan made a motion to spend up to \$50.00 on blankets; no second she then rescinded her motion.

Subdivision: Lot #37 has never been for sale in the subdivision because of the Ballpark sign located on the south end of it. Daymeon Yates is purchasing lot #38 for \$1,500.00 and he would like to purchase the north $\frac{3}{4}$ of the lot for \$1,125.00 he is purchasing a new modular home and planning to build a garage. Davina made a motion to allow him to purchase $\frac{3}{4}$ of the lot; Dave seconded, accepted by all except Kae who abstained. Motion carried.

Jan made a motion to go into closed meeting to discuss personal;

Streets Robbie Doss Raise: Davina made a motion to give Robbie a .75 cent hour raise; Kae seconded, accepted by all.

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

Time: 8:37pm

Terri Gibson
City Clerk