

**Keithsburg City Council Minutes**  
**Held at 302 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**January 12, 2015**

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

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

Occhi made a motion to approve last month's minutes; Logsdon seconded, approved by all.

Logsdon made a motion authorizing the cash disbursements; Occhi seconded. Logsdon-yes, Occhi-yes, Brock-yes, Laubach-yes and Hudson-yes. Motion Carried

Campground Host: Logsdon spoke with Elsie and she would like to have Jimmie Buster's assistance again this year. This was discussed last month contingent upon Elsie approving him. Mayor Henshaw had talked with Elsie and he wasn't sure she wanted to come back this year. Davina is going to contact her and make sure she is aware that we must have her application prior to February 6, 2015.

"IKE" Levee and Storm Update: Jared Fluhr from MSA Professional Engineers explained the city has received official word from the IKE office and DCEO that an additional \$2,216,470 for the levee improvements and \$2,215,992.92 for the storm pump improvements will be awarded, which brings the total grant amounts to \$5,957,872.92. Jared presented the council with a map that is color coded with the base projects, plus 4 additional additives, this map can be viewed at city hall if anyone is interested.

Levee Project Update: The IKE office has approved the funding for the base project which will reconstruct the Pope Creek levee from approximately 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street. In addition they have approved additive #1 to construct the levee from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to high ground, reconstruct 16<sup>th</sup> Street over the levee, and install a gate closure at 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The final design and bid packages will however include all the additives, in hopes of competitive bidding.

Storm Pump Project Update: The IKE office has approved the funding for the base project which will construct the necessary pumping stations and outlet piping. In addition they have approved additive #1 to install pumps and controls for the pumping stations along the Pope Creek levee. The final design and bid packages will however include all the additives, in hopes of competitive bidding.

Levee and Storm Pump Projected Schedule: Jared explained they are hoping to have the final design completed by September 2015; all permitting and environmental reviews finished January 2016; bid opening by January 2016; and project completed by June of 2017. Jared also mentioned the city will be able to make changes to the project, regarding what additives to make a priority.

Levee and Storm Pump Projects: Logsdon made a motion authorizing Mayor Henshaw to execute MSA Professional Services contract amendments contingent upon the IKE office approval; Hudson seconded. Logsdon-yes, Occhi-yes, Brock-yes, Laubach-yes and Hudson-yes. Motion Carried

LMI Survey: According to the last census the city is not within the low to moderate income, therefore the city doesn't qualify to apply for any new grants. MSA Professional Services voluntarily mailed out a second round of Low-to-Moderate Income Surveys (110) to residents who did not respond to the initial mailing that the city sent out last year. The city desperately needs everyone who received these surveys to fill them out and return them to MSA at your earliest convenience.

2013-2014 Audit: Jennifer Coombes (CPA) presented the council with last year's audit. She explained the highlights of the audit and informed the council there was no discrepancies found with the audit and the city meets all state requirements. The fire department is listed in the audit as a component unit.

Water/Sewer Generator: Mayor Henshaw explained there was a misunderstanding on the cost of the generator that was approved for \$8,188.47 last month. Gale Moore explained the fire hydrants that are out of order at this time will be replaced in the spring.

Police Department: Officer Marlow passed Illinois Police Training and his graduation is January 24, 2015 at 4:00 in Abington. Officer Koch had suggested giving Jacob a raise to \$16.00 per hour, Occhi made a motion to approve; Logsdon seconded. Logsdon-yes, Occhi-yes, Brock-yes, Laubach-yes and Hudson-yes. Motion Carried

Fire Department: Logsdon gave an update on the runs.

Streets/Sidewalks: Mayor Henshaw thanked Brock for helping plow snow. Logsdon suggested oil & chipping the front road at the campground this year. George explained they would be working on the motor fuel program and the council should let him know if there are any other roads they want included this year.

Museum: Donna Pinger presented Treasurer Reynolds with a total of \$420 in donations.

Eagle Scout Project: Donna Pinger explained Tony Nylin has completed his project including building a structure over the bell at City Hall and she will finish the landscaping in the spring. The council all agreed the project turned out very nice.

Library: Donna Pinger asked the council to reconsider establishing a Keithsburg Library. As part of the qualifications to apply for grants for the library we would have to hire a full time librarian in which she would be interested in that position. She explained the importance of having a library for the children and that they needs hands on books rather than digital. The council is concerned that with today's technology the kids will not utilize a library. I suggested she take a petition around with the correct language explaining the amount everyone's property taxes would raise. After much discussion the council suggested she should address the township as that would also include the property owner's outside of town. For now there is an open book selection in the hallway at city hall that can be accessed anytime during office hours. There is a good selection of books and puzzles to loan out with no restrictions. Anyone who has puzzles or books and especially children's books to donate would be greatly appreciated.

Bags Tournament: Mike Robbins is having a bags tournament on January 24, 2015 in the gymnasium, all proceeds will go to the playground equipment fund. Logsdon asked the council to waive the gym rental fee. Mike purchased the insurance through the city's insurance company that allows them to consume alcohol. Occhi made a motion to waive the fee; Hudson seconded. Logsdon-yes, Occhi-yes, Brock-yes, Laubach-yes and Hudson-yes. Motion Carried

Off the Hook Bar and Grill: Nora LuAllen applied for a revolving loan fund in the amount of \$27,500.00 to open a bar and grill at 104 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street (prior Tweety's Hi-Way Tap). Occhi made a motion to approve; Logsdon seconded. Logsdon-yes, Occhi-yes, Brock-yes, Laubach-yes and Hudson-yes. Motion Carried

Occhi made motion to adjourn, Logsdon seconded, accepted by all.

Time: 8:20PM

Terri Gibson

