

**Keithsburg City Council Minutes**  
**Held at 302 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
***July 13, 2015***

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Alderman Physically Present: Donnie Cox, Jan Occhi, Ronnie Brock, Don Truitt, and Lisa Wessels. Davina Logsdon was absent. Charles Reynolds-Treasurer and Terri Gibson-City Clerk.

Minutes of last month meeting: Jan made a motion to approve; Ronnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

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

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

FEMA Properties: Last month the council discussed having everyone remove vehicles from FEMA acquired properties that are located within the residential district. Mayor Henshaw had contacted Ron Davis from DCEO and acquired their new updated requirements for all the FEMA properties. There are numerous changes in the do's and don'ts, and one of them is there is to be no parking of boats, trailer, etc. unless it is adjacent to an existing commercial property. Mayor Henshaw explained he wanted to create a committee to review the requirements. Lisa and Jan volunteered to be on the committee and he would like to appoint a couple citizens as well.

City Attorney: Mayor Henshaw suggested relieving Andrew Youngquist from Beal, Pratt and Pratt from the duty as the city attorney and appoint Marcum Spears from Spears & Spears out of Monmouth to be the new city attorney and pay him \$125.00 per hour. Effective immediately. Jan made a motion to approve; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Golf Cart, Neighborhood Vehicle and ATV Ordinance: The ordinance mandates that all apparatus must be inspected annually by a person designated by the Mayor and City Council. There would be a sticker issued that must be displayed on the driver's rear of each apparatus. There will be no charge, but the apparatus and all drivers must obey the State Statue ILCS 925, plus this would discontinue a route for ATV's, they would have the same privilege as the golf carts and neighborhood vehicles. This has been in effect from the beginning in 2012. The only revision the council requested was to allow them on Main Street from 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. Jan made a motion to approve and appoint Officer Bellegante as the designated representative (he will do the inspections); Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried. Everyone will have 30 days to be in compliance. The inspections will be required for campers as well regardless whether or not they drive their apparatus out of the campground.

IKE Levee and Pumps: Mayor Henshaw explained that until the Governor signs the new budget the city will need to pay the city engineers and be reimbursed, otherwise they will have to stop working on the project for now and it could take at least a month for them to get started again. Chuck explained the city has \$110,000 in General Fund and \$66,000 in water/sewer reserve that could be used rather than get a loan right away. Donnie mentioned it needs to get done. Donnie

made a motion to have the engineers continue their work, plus authorized Mayor Henshaw to borrow up to \$200,000 if necessary; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Water/Sewer: Gale Moore explained well #4 had problems and has been repaired. The repairs was a 4 day process and may cost up to \$16,000.00. He also explained the hydrant at 13<sup>th</sup> & Washington has been replaced and they are getting ready to replace another one.

Police Department: Officer Bellegante suggested amending the section of the zoning ordinance that refers to someone only being able to stay in a camper for 14 days consecutive days. The council agreed that after they stay for 14 days, they would have to move out for at least 30 days. The zoning board will discuss this matter and present it to the council next month.

Fire Department Applications: Jamie Malcom, Jeremy Malcom and Rachael Malcom. Donnie made a motion to approve; Don seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Streets/Sidewalks: Playground Equipment Committee would like to close Main Street from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> on July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for the installation of the new playground equipment. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated for that weekend to help, lunch will be provided. Jan made a motion to approve; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Streets/Sidewalks: River's Edge Standard and the Eagle's Nest would like to close Main Street from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> for their customer appreciation day on August 15<sup>th</sup> from open until close. Jan made a motion to approve; Ronnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Campground: There are certain lots at the campground in row 3 and 4 in which the city rents for a monthly rate of \$220.00 per month, which includes 8 nights of free camping. After the 8 nights a month they have to pay the normal rate of \$15.00 per night for the remainder of the month. Danny Connerly rents one of the sites and he emailed Mayor Henshaw requesting the following: unlimited camping for the \$220 a month, not charge for the golf cart inspections, allow hand signals vs brake lights and turn signals, and that we pour concrete pads in the back row. After much discussion the council did not agree to the unlimited camping and they had already voted on not charging a fee for the golf cart inspections. Officer Bellegante explained it is a State Statue that requests all golf carts must have the brake lights and turning signals and the city council cannot make any exceptions. Mayor Henshaw explained they will eventually pour concrete pads in the back row. Donnie made a motion not to make any changes; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Campground Roads Oil & Chipped: Mayor Henshaw explained it will cost \$6,200-\$7,100 for Henderson County to oil and chip both roads 20'-21' wide in the campground. Jan made a motion to approve and pay out of the campground fund; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Motor Fuel Tax: Mayor Henshaw suggested repairing roads this year rather than oil & chipping, then we could do more roads next year. Then we could purchase more patch and have Henderson County come sweep the roads. The council agreed.

Mercer County Animal Control Contract: The city would agree to pay \$200.97 (.33 x 609) per month. Jan made a motion to approve; Ronnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Zoning: Donnie mentioned the dangerous building located at 410 Main Street. Ronnie explained Kenny Tharp is taking the dangerous overhang off tomorrow morning.

Jan made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Willy's Saloon Revolving Loan Fund and Personnel; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Willy's Saloon Revolving Loan Fund: Donnie make a motion to approve paying the delinquent property taxes contingent upon the city attorney recommendation; Jan seconded. Donnie-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

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

Time: 9:10pm

Terri Gibson  
City Clerk