

Keithsburg City Council Minutes
Held at 302 S. 14th Street
April 10, 2017

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Physically Present: Donnie Cox, Dave Hudson, Jan Occhi, Ronnie Brock, Don Truitt and Lisa Wessels. Also present: Treasurer-Chuck Reynolds, Clerk-Terri Gibson, and Campground-Nila and Donnie Carle.

Old Business:

Last month the council approved to borrow \$30,000 to purchase additional property for the campground. Chuck suggested borrowing the money from water and sewer checking account now rather than paying interest on a loan. He explained it would cost 4% to borrow the money and the funds in water sewer are only earning .95% percent interest from the bank. Donnie made a motion to approve; Ronnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: No comments

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

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

MSA Engineering: Steve Haring was present and presented the council with an estimate for the platforms at the lift stations. There are 2 different options: install ship ladders or replace the entire platforms. The ship ladders would cost \$1,400-1,500 each for materials and \$2,500 for installation or to replace the platforms it would cost \$12,500 each. Ronnie will get a couple of bids.

Family Crisis Center: Marla Reynolds was present and explained they are a children's advocacy program. They offer counseling for children that have been either physically or sexually abused, even if there is just an allegation of the abuse. All interviews are recorded so the child only has to be interviewed once. Recordings become the property of the law enforcement. The Family Crisis Center sponsors a Champions4Childrens Walk that starts at 9:00 at the Central Park in Aledo on May 6, 2017. Last year they raised \$27,000.00 and every penny that they raise goes to the kids for counseling. Marla asked the council to donate \$1,100 which would pay for 10 hours of counseling. Jan made a motion to donate \$1,100; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer: Nothing to report.

Streets/Sidewalks: Rhiannon Roberts at 8th & Washington would like to have a stop sign because of people speeding by her house. Donnie explained if we put one there we would have to put one everywhere in town. The council agreed to have the police patrol that area better.

Streets and Sidewalks: Mayor Henshaw suggested hiring Mike Taylor at minimum wage for mowing only. He is not capable of weed eating, however he can operate the batwing mower. Dave made a motion to authorize Mayor Henshaw to hire whomever he feels is capable to fulfil the position; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department Ranita Buster Application: Ronnie made a motion to approve; Don seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department and Fire District Update: I explained the city has not sent a letter to Attorney John Brady asking him to work on creating a fire district because we need answers to numerous questions he had asked in a letter addressed to Kevin Zander dated March 7, 2016. He had asked that our fire district committee determine whether the primary focus is to join Oquawka or Seaton; whether Oquawka/or Seaton was open to us joining their fire district and if they have any conditions to joining; and if the affiliation be to become a part of another district, or to secure services through a contract with a district, without going through the annexation process. Mayor Henshaw suggested holding off on this right now as he is going to appoint a new fire district committee.

Fire Department: Mayor Henshaw explained the city received more bills for the fire department \$92.50 for transport forms and \$88.53 for (2) 20 AMP pigtails. Lisa made a motion to approve; Jan seconded. Donnie-abstained; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried. Ronnie mentioned they need to get approval prior to spending money if they want the city to pay for anything.

Police Department: Officer Henshaw was present but had nothing to report

Sandburs: Donnie explained George will be spraying the campground and ballpark for sandburs, plus he will start spraying for mosquitos soon.

Campground: Terri suggested the campers who rent monthly leave a non-refundable \$50.00 deposit with the camp host at the end of this camping season if they want to secure their campsite for the next camping season. Donnie made a motion to approve; Ronnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Campground Host: Mayor Henshaw explained they hired Nila Carle as the campground host. After much discussion, the council determined the campground committee needs to review the rules and bring back to the council next month.

Campground: Jeff McGue (camper) emailed Mayor Henshaw a picture of campsite pole #11 and thinks that this power pole sitting low is what causes the power to be shut down during high

water. Mayor Henshaw explained the pole being low is not what is causing the power to be shut down, he just doesn't want to risk anyone getting electrocuted. Jan mentioned we can't have people wading through water to plug their electric cords in to the power outlet. Ronnie made a motion to shut off the power when the water is up and we feel it is a hazard; Don seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Campground Playground Equipment: After much discussion, the council all agreed we needed to purchase some new playground equipment. Dave made a motion to authorize the campground committee to purchase new playground equipment and spend up to \$5,000, to be paid out of the campground checking, Ronnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Ballpark: Gary Fues-Ballpark Commissioner was present and explained that May 2nd was their first game. He also mentioned they are having a car wash on April 23rd from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the ballpark to raise money to purchase more lime for the practice field. He asked the council to purchase (2) new signs for 10th Street directing people to the ballpark. The council agreed. He also asked the council to post a sign not allowing alcohol or illegal drugs at the ballpark. Dave Hudson was the prior ballpark commissioner and he explained that the ones that drink don't bring alcohol around the crowd and/or cause any problems. In the past, they just had the police come and patrol. Officer Henshaw explained we would have to have an ordinance stipulating no alcohol in the ballpark. We possibly do have an ordinance stating no alcohol on city property.

Mercer County Post Prom Donation: Ronnie made a motion to approve \$250; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Easter Egg Hunt Donation: Lisa made a motion to donate \$200.00; Jan seconded. Donnie-yes; Dave-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion carried.

Gymnasium Rental: "anyone using the gymnasium must have adult supervision (18 years or older) at all times".

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

Time: 8:15 pm

Terri Gibson
City Clerk