

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

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Physically Present: Ronnie Brock, Donnie Truitt, Lisa Vessels, Gary Fues and Donnie Cox.
Absent was Bill Pinger. Also, present was Cindy Diehl, Treasurer, and Sharon Reason taking the minutes in the absence of Terri Gibson.

Old Business:

Lift Station Platforms: George gave an update and said he is still working on it. He has been talking with someone about getting the City a cost.

Fire Department: At the August 14, 2017 council meeting the council voted to sign an agreement with Genesis to handle the training and paperwork for the first responders. The council discussed this issue again last month due to some conflicts with several fire department members and decided they need a better understanding of the different protocol between Genesis and Cottage. Ronnie had suggested we get Judy Brown and several members of the fire department, personnel from both Genesis and Cottage all together this month and have them explain the good and bad of both sides. Judy and Allen talked to Genesis and there was no difference between the protocols at Genesis and Cottage. Gary Fues made motion to let them stay with Cottage and the training with Genesis. Donnie Cox seconded motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Scott Smith wants to talk about Concessions on Wheels. Scott was not at the meeting to discuss this.

Approve the minutes of last month meeting: Donnie Cox made motion to approve the minutes of last month. Lisa seconded motion. Motion carried.

Authorize the Cash Receipts and Disbursements: Gary Fues made motion to approve the cash receipts and disbursements and Donnie seconded motion. Motion carried.

Update on the "IKE" Grants: Steve Haring (MSA) was present. He said he had a meeting with Mayor Allen Henshaw, George Lyle, Cindy Diehl, Denise Bulat from Bi State and Gina last Thursday, October 5, 2017. They had a conference call with Ron Davis (DNR) and Curt Kuronew in regards to receiving a non compliance letter from IDNR regarding the bump out levee. The bump out levee along Jackson Street is on FEMA ground. They are requesting that the bump out levee be removed. The wetland bump out levee must go. DCO said they would not allow things to proceed except the water tower. Steve said they thought the bump out levee might have been okayed by the Corps of Engineers, but did not get the proper permits to have it on FEMA ground. Mayor Henshaw said they are suppose to have 85% living trees along there for two years. They have to come in and make sure the proper trees are planted. DCO will allow the grant to be used for the removal of the bump out levee. Steve said Donna Jones with the Corps is okay with that. Removing and maintaining will be taken

care of by a grant. It has to be removed and then stockpiled for future use, but do not stockpile the dirt on FEMA property. Mayor Henshaw said that we are suffering from what wasn't done by the past administration. Donnie Cox said we want to see the town make it, but it seems like every month we find out that something else is wrong and is going to cost us.

As far as our regular levee along the River, they are saying that levee height must be brought back down to the 1993 level which means lowering it 1 to 3 feet. Steve said we have discussed with them about an "After the Fact Permit" in an attempt to leave the levee as is. They are working with all the other agencies. Steve told the council they are attempting to get the permit, but there is no guarantees. The application for the permit will be \$12,000. Mayor Henshaw said we have to stay concurrence with Iowa levee height. In 2008 it was brought up to the present height. The timeline is 2 weeks then the acceptance will take 90 days before it could be permitted. Mayor Henshaw said if we have to lower the levee, we might as well take it out and move the town to higher ground. Donnie Cox made motion to approve the \$12,000 to apply for the "After the Fact Permit". Seconded by Ronnie Brock. Motion carried.

Steve Haring explained that there is \$2.6 million dollars in grant fund for Storm Sewer Grant on Jackson Street and New Pump Stations at levee area and flood protection walls at 4th Street and 3rd Street and the Water Tower Grant. Bidding for Water tower will start on November 6th, bid opening will be December 6th and everything will be ready to report to council at the December council meeting. Steve Haring said work would start in the spring unless there was exceptionally good weather before. Melonie McLaughlin asked if the old water tower would be taken out and Steve said it will stay as a companion to the new water tower.

Water/Sewer: Mayor Henshaw will talk to Bill Pinger, Jr. about attending the meetings and reading his reports.

Streets/Sidewalks: George Lyle said the oil and chipping was done. He thought they did a good job.

Fire Department: Chief Pat Stevens said everything was going good. He is getting the Registrations. They are having CPR training in January. Mayor Henshaw said the Fire training course was always too far away. Mayor Henshaw if they could get at least 15 people to attend, they would bring the fire training here. Chief Stevens said they could get Seaton, New Boston and maybe Joy to attend. He will check on this. For people going to the CPR training, Donnie Cox made motion to pay for gas. Lisa seconded it. They can bring back their receipts. Motion carried.

Police Department: Nathan turned in his report which is attached. Mayor Henshaw asked him in the future to fill in the gas and mileage on his reports. Nathan said the police car needs a tune up and also, needs brakes. Gary Fues will check the car out at no charge. Jim Bennett is an auxiliary police officer in Monmouth and wanted to know if Keithsburg needed another part time officer and if they could send him to police training. He has had some training but needs the 18 months of schooling. Donnie Cox made motion for Terri to check into this. Gary Fues seconded motion. Motion carried.

Campground: Nila Carle said she was doing deposits for next year. The campground has made \$85,000 this year. She said everything has been pretty good. Duck season is coming and she has had calls for reservations.

Ballpark: No report.

Zoning:

Ordinances/Resolutions: The council decided to enforce ordinance. They are to tell the police officers about the offenders, officer will take pictures, the City Clerk will give officer letter to deliver and if they do not comply, they will be taken to court.

Don Truitt mentioned house without windows on Main Street that needs to be boarded up. Animals and children going in the house. People are parking on city property without licenses on vehicles.

They are working on the old hotel to clear the wood from the bricks. This has to be hauled away and filled with sand.

Veteran's Memorial Fund: Motion to give Treasurer Cindy Diehl authorization to open a checking account at Midwest Bank of Western Illinois using the City FEIN number. The account would require (2) two signatures (Lucinda Diehl, Bill Pinger and Allen Henshaw would be signees). Gary Fues made motion to accept the three people listed to be signees on the checks. Lisa seconded motion. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat: Discuss approving trick or treat every year on Halloween night from 6:00pm-8:00pm Motion was made by Donnie Cox to accept. Seconded by Ronnie Brock. Motion carried.

made motion to adjourn, Donnie Cox seconded by Ronnie Brock, accepted by all.

Time: 7:40 P.M.

Sharon Reason taking minutes in the absence of Terri Gibson.