

Keithsburg City Council Minutes
Held at 302 S. 14th Street
May 11, 2015

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Kae Stevens resigned as Alderman at Large effective April 27th due to the constant fighting and tension between the council and citizens. Jan made a motion to accept with regret; Ronnie seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; and Dave-yes. Motion Carried.

Officer Randy Koch resigned as police officer effective May 7, 2015. Davina made a motion to accept; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; and Dave-yes. Motion Carried.

Alderman Physically Present: Jan Occhi, Davina Logsdon, Dave Hudson, and Ronnie Brock. Charles Reynolds-Treasurer and Terri Gibson-Clerk

Old Business

Approve the minutes of last month meeting: Davina made a motion to approve; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; and Dave-yes. Motion Carried.

Authorize the Cash Receipts and Disbursements: Jan made a motion to approve; Dave seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; and Dave-yes. Motion Carried.

Part-Time Helper Applications: Mayor Henshaw and the Streets Committee hired Curtis Dewese to work up to 24 hours per week at minimum wage. Jan made a motion to approve; Ronnie seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; and Dave-yes. Motion Carried.

Mowing Bids: One bid received from Mark Heater \$1,200 for FEMA lots (80 lots @ \$15.00). See attached list for the remaining city lots. The council determined that hiring the part-time helper would be cheaper than hiring a contractor to mow.

Cleaning Bids: No bids were received. Heather Gibson has been cleaning and she has agreed to continue. Jan made a motion to approve; Davina seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; and Dave-yes. Motion Carried.

Campground Improvements OSLAD Grant: Last month MSA explained they would charge \$6,330.00 application fee to apply for the grant. Mayor Henshaw suggested not pursuing this until state funds become available. Davina made a motion to table this until a later date; Ronnie seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; and Dave-yes. Motion Carried.

Playground Equipment Resolution for \$8,500.00: The playground committee ordered the new equipment and asked the city to donate \$8,500 for the following: pea gravel-\$3,500; underground electric and new outlets-\$1,500; shipping the equipment-\$1,100; sac-rete-\$500; signage and benches-\$1,900. They have the new playground equipment ordered after raising \$18,000.00. Jan explained they could use a lot of help to set it up when it gets here. The committee had applied for a grant from Carver Pump that seems very promising. Jan mentioned the committee is going to continue fund raiser to purchase playground equipment for all the parks and the campground. The existing equipment will be going to the campground and ballpark. Davina made a motion to accept the resolution; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; and Dave-yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Henshaw appointed Donnie Cox to fulfill the vacant seat for Alderman at Large. Davina made a motion to approve; Jan seconded. Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; and Dave-yes. Motion Carried.

Terri Gibson swore in the following new council members: Lisa Wessels-1st Ward Alderman; Don Truitt-2nd Ward Alderman; Ronnie Brock-3rd Ward Alderman (expires 2019) and Donnie Cox-Alderman at Large (expires 2017).

Mayor Henshaw explained that all complaints are being handled by Officer Bellegante, therefore if the council members receive complaints they need to file them with Officer Bellegante and/or mayor Henshaw. Mayor Henshaw also explained the council members should have everyone fill out a complaint form. Davina explained the only time the complainant will know who complains is if it goes to court.

Donation for Mercer County K9: James Unsworth (Deputy at the Mercer County Sheriff's Office) was present and asked the council for a donation that would go towards the purchase of a new K9. The current K9, Thor is nearing the end of his career and the cost of a new K9 including training and replacement equipment is \$20,000.00. Davina made a motion to donate \$500.00; Jan seconded. Donnie-yes; Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Campground: Thomas J Lenover (known as TJ Lenover) was present and asked the council permission to come back to the campground. TJ was banned permanently as a result of a fight that took place Labor Day Weekend in 2013. He explained the fight was at the bar and wants to know why he was banned from the campground. Lisa mentioned the fight did happen at the bar. Jan made a motion to table until next month until they talk to the police officer's involved; Davina seconded. Lisa-No; Don-Yes; Ronnie-No; Donnie-No; Jan-Yes; Davina-Yes; Mayor Henshaw-No. Motion not carried. Donnie suggested letting TJ back into the campground because the fight didn't happen at the campground and he wasn't even arrested at the campground, but that this would be his last chance. Donnie made a motion to let him back in on a 2 year probation, but he would not be given any more chances; Lisa seconded. Donnie-yes; Davina-no; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Campground Zero Tolerance: Ronnie made a motion to make a new fresh start with absolutely zero tolerance, anyone arrested from the campground and found guilty, even if the trouble starts up town will be evicted from the campground permanently, absolutely no exceptions; Davina seconded. Donnie-yes; Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

ATV's, Dirt Bikes and Golf Carts: Mayor Henshaw asked the council to discuss whether they wanted to allow citizens to ride ATV's and dirt bikes on any of the Jackson Street property. Lisa's family rides on some of the Jackson Street property, however she went around years ago and asked permission from the neighbors', plus they wear all safety gear. Lisa explained to the neighbors that they would only ride from 10:00-5:00 and that it wouldn't be continuous. Officer Bellegante explained all ATV's and Golf Carts must have rear view mirrors, tail lights, turning signals, headlights, slow moving vehicle sign, insurance and the ***driver must have a driver's license***. There have been numerous complaints about under age drivers and people drinking and driving golf carts. Officer Bellegante assured the council that he could issue a DUI for operators of ATV's and/or golf carts. Sabrina Harrison was present and mentioned she didn't have a problem with the ones that had been riding on Jackson Street, however she was going to have a problem with numerous people riding and she suggested everyone operating an ATV on city property should have to wear safety gear. Lisa will do some research and try to figure out a different spot for everyone to ride. The council doesn't want any riding of ATV's and/or dirt bikes on the Jackson Street properties until further notice.

Craze Pete's Hot Dog Concession Stand: Peter Chronos was present and asked the council permission to setup a hot dog stand in the campground. He would sell hot dogs, chips and pop. Peter is certified through Mercer County Health Department's and he currently has a cart setup at Central Park in Aledo, he pays a \$100.00 vendor license fee. Peter agreed to make a \$100.00 donation to the playground equipment fund later in the season. Peter informed the council that he only sells 100% all beef hot dog. He is thinking about setting up at the campground on Friday & Saturday's, and during harvest time he is going to ask Nora (Off the Hook) if he

could setup in her parking lot. His unit is self-contained and doesn't need electric. Donnie made a motion to approve for him to setup by the pavilion, but that he must be closed by 9:00pm; Davina seconded. Donnie-yes; Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Mercer County High School Post Prom Donation: Davina made a motion to donate \$200.00; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Playground Equipment: Becky Tippie was on the agenda to ask the council for startup funds to publish cookbooks as a fund raiser for the playground equipment. Becky was not present and the council had no idea how much it would cost to publish the cookbooks. Davina made a motion to table until next month; Donnie seconded. Donnie-yes; Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Jan made a motion to go into closed meeting to discuss personnel; Davina seconded. Donnie-yes; Davina-yes; Jan-yes; Ronnie-yes; Don-yes; and Lisa-yes. Motion Carried.

Memorial Weekend City Wide Yard Sales: First Christian Church is having their annual Tractor Show, Car Show and city wide yard sales on May 23rd. If you want any more information and/or to be put on the map for the city wide yard sales contact Chuck Reynolds at (309) 221-8416.

City Officials and City Employees: The council discussed that all city officials and city employees should be setting a good example by obeying all rules and regulations, plus not making comments on any social media sites. Jan will check with other communities, plus possibly get a copy of their ordinance and present it to the council next month.

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

Time: 8:37pm

Terri Gibson
City Clerk