

**Keithsburg City Council Minutes**  
**Held at 302 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**August 14, 2017**

Mayor Henshaw opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Physically Present: Gary Fues, Bill Pinger, Donnie Cox, Ronnie Brock, Don Truitt and Lisa Wessels. Also Present: Treasurer-Cindy Diehl and City Clerk-Terri Gibson.

Approve the minutes of last month's meeting: Donnie made motion to accept; Bill seconded. Gary-yes; Bill-yes; Donnie-yes; Lisa-yes; Don-yes; and Ronnie-yes. Motion Carried.

Authorize the Cash Receipts and Disbursements: Lisa made motion to accept; Donnie seconded. Gary-yes; Bill-yes; Donnie-yes; Lisa-yes; Don-yes; and Ronnie-yes. Motion Carried.

Update on the "IKE" Wetland Mitigation, Pumps and Flood Gates Grants: The city has been awarded a grant for \$2,651,764 for storm water improvements, wetland mitigation/monitoring; and flood gates at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> streets. This amount also includes engineering (MSA) and admin (Bi-State and WIRC). The city has already signed and executed an engineering contract with MSA for these projects. Steve Haring from MSA was present and explained they had met with Mayor Henshaw, Terri and George and it was determined that the top priority was to not exceed the funds that was allotted with the grants.

Update on the "IKE" Water Tower Grant: The city has been awarded a grant for \$881,500 to construct a new 100,000-gallon water tower that will be located just north of our existing 50,000-gallon tower. The state has only allowed \$8,600 for the design engineering and \$8,600 for the construction engineering. Steve Haring (MSA) explained the Geo tech alone will cost around \$9,000 of design engineering and there is only \$8,600 allotted. MSA has informed the city that they are not able to work on this project and stay within the funds available. The timeframe for the grant is reaching a critical point because the deadline is December 2018. Last year when MSA had applied for the grant modification they had included an estimate of \$86,000 for engineering, then when the grant was award they had trimmed it to \$17,200 and there is no opportunity to go back for more funding. MSA has given a budget number of \$60,000 for design and construction engineering and they are very confident it will not go over that amount. The city could borrow \$42,800 and/or use funds from Water Sewer Reserve (account balance is \$69,231.18) and move forward with MSA. If we don't take some type of action real soon, we will risk losing this funding because the environmental process is very time consuming. Gary made motion to accept and pay \$42,800 out of water sewer reserve, Ronnie seconded. Gary-yes; Bill-yes; Donnie-yes; Lisa-yes; Don-yes; and Ronnie-yes. Motion Carried. Mayor Henshaw signed the contract with MSA.

Water/Sewer-Bill asked for an update on the platforms for the lift stations. Bubby Tippie was present and suggested we call Black's Fabrication out of Port Byron.

Fire Department: Reported the following: 4 fire calls, one being mutual aid in Oquawka, 7 first responder calls and 5 hours of fire training.

Fire Department Application: Jamie Malcom brought in an application for Shannon Malcom for the council's approval contingent upon approval by the fire department. The application was not completely filled out; therefore, the council would like it completed and approved by the fire department this month and resubmitted next month.

Fire Department: Allen explained the city has a contract with Genesis for our ambulance service and Mark Guthrie is our contact person. He would like to have all the first responder's paperwork going through Genesis, plus all the training would be free. Now, our training is being done through Cottage Hospital in Galesburg. Bill made a motion to have Allen work with the fire department and talk with Mark Guthrie to have all the training done with Genesis; Ronnie seconded. Gary-yes; Bill-yes; Donnie-abstain; Lisa-abstain; Don-yes; and Ronnie-yes. Motion Carried.

Campground: The fish fest committee would like to spend their 2016 proceeds of \$2,224.46 on more playground equipment for the playground, plus hire someone to assemble the equipment that was purchased earlier this year. Gary made motion to accept; Bill seconded. Gary-yes; Bill-yes; Donnie-abstain; Lisa-yes; Don-yes; and Ronnie-yes. Motion Carried.

Campground: Nila was present and explained they was having issues mowing around the campsites on the back row. She claims there is too much stuff on the campsites and they cannot get the mower in between, therefore it all has to be done with a weed eater. Nila explained the campsites are packed with boats and wave runners. Donnie explained they are renting the spots and need to allow them to keep their items. The council informed Nila to mow safely around the campers and if they want it any better they can move their stuff and we will mow otherwise the campers paying by the month will be responsible for mowing around their campsites. Donnie is sick of listening to issues at the campground. Nila had asked to have security cameras installed and the council did not agree. Ronnie mentioned she had been hired to do a job and felt she should have the authority to go talk to the campers and tell them to get out when they are not following the rules. Allen explained the camp host is not the security and she should only collect money. Mayor Henshaw received an email from a camper that was upset due to the loud music, partying and the quiet time not being enforced. The council will be discussing campground personnel in closed session later in the meeting.

Bubby Tippie mentioned the park next to the Eagle's Nest is now completed. Mayor and City Council thanked the playground committee for all their hard work, the park really looks nice!

Zoning: Mayor Henshaw had appointed Gary Fues as Chairman of the zoning board and Don Truitt as a member of the zoning board and according to Attorney Spears elected officials cannot sit on the zoning board. Gary Fues and Don Truitt resigned from the zoning. Mayor Henshaw appointed Jan Occhi as Chairman of the Zoning board. Don made motion to accept; Donnie seconded. Gary-yes; Bill-yes; Donnie-yes; Lisa-yes; Don-yes; and Ronnie-yes. Motion Carried.

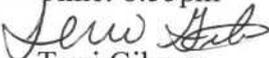
Don made motion to go into closed session to discuss Campground and Fire Department personnel, Bill seconded. Gary-yes; Bill-yes; Donnie-yes; Lisa-yes; Don-yes; and Ronnie-yes. Motion Carried.

Fire Department: Gary made a motion to remove Cory Logsdon and Davina Logsdon from the department and they will have to reapply again when they come back, Don seconded. Lisa-no; Don-yes; Ronnie-yes; Bill-yes; Donnie-abstain; and Gary-yes. Motion carried. Lisa suggested the fire department should have the responsibility to appoint replacements.

Veterans Memorial Park: Mayor Henshaw and the City Council thanked Kenny and Mary Tharp for donating the three (3) lots at 304 Washington Street for the future Veterans Memorial Park.

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

Time: 8:55pm

  
Terri Gibson  
City Clerk