

**Keithsburg City Council Minutes**  
**Held at 302 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**February 14, 2010**

**Mayor Askew Opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM**

**Alderman Physically Present:** Roy Pritchett, Maxine Henry, Davina Logsdon, Linda O'Brien, George Askew and Neil Nylin.

**Minutes of last month meeting:** Neil made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Cash Receipts:** Maxine made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Cash Disbursements:** Neil made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

Mayor Askew mentioned how thankful he was that there was no disaster last week because of the snow blizzard. George Lyle stayed at Arnold's house and after plowing on Tuesday; they got up and started plowing again at 4:30 am on Wednesday.

**MSA Professional Services (Engineers):** Steve Haring was present and brought copies of our (5) five IKE Funding applications that they hand delivered to the State. Storm Water Pump \$154,140; Waste Water Improvements \$315,625.00; Levee Restoration \$627,270; Street and Roadway \$743,640; and Water Tower \$744,000. The funding is very competitive and they expect announcements by April 1, 2011. Steve also explained they would like to apply to for a \$30,000 planning grant at no cost to the city. Roy made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all. Mayor Askew would like to meet with Steve and Paul to discuss some levee repairs and get resources organized prior to any spring flooding.

**Dump Truck Bids:** Mayor Askew has gone and looked at a few trucks; however, he will continue to look and report again next month.

**Fire Department Siren Grant:** Mayor Askew explained they would be in the area in the next few weeks to do an evaluation.

**Fish Cleaning Station:** George Lyle found a countertop with 2 sinks for \$519.12 Maxine made a motion to accept to pay out of campground checking, Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Water/Sewer:** Steve Nylin explained he started new quarterly asbestos testing today. Steve also presented the council with 2 books for the well explaining emergency measures at the well. Steve will get with Fire Chief Charlie Brown to determine who needs trained in case Steve is out of town. Mayor Askew explained they would be removing the hydrant at 13<sup>th</sup> & Jackson Street as soon as possible.

**Marina:** Steve Nylin explained he got a call from Illinois DNR and they are probably going to request another muscle test and tree mitigation evaluation. Steve also explained the marina application the investors have been working on was through the Public Assistance of the IKE Funding Grant and they found out recently that is not the correct funding. They need to apply through an Economic Development Grant; therefore, they have to start the grant application all over again. The new grant application has no deadline.

**Port Louisa Agreement:** Mayor Askew explained Fish & Wildlife are asking the council to sign an agreement in which the city would provide the city maintenance man and equipment to maintain the refuge. This would include mowing, cutting brush, opening, and closing the gate, etc. The city would do this free of charge. Neil made a motion not to accept the agreement; Davina seconded, accepted by all. Mayor Askew has a contact person if anyone wants to volunteers their time and equipment.

**Advertise for Part-Time Summer Help:** Pay \$8.25 an hour with a maximum of 40 hours a week, applications must be received by March 7, 2011. Davina made a motion to accept; George seconded, accepted by all.

**Christmas Lights:** George Lyle located quick attach pallet forks for the Case Tractor that would help with putting up and taking down the Christmas Lights, plus moving the picnic tables around at the campground. The cost is \$984.00. George usually rents equipment for the Christmas Lights and/or has volunteers help him. Roy made a motion to table until next month, Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

**Wheel Tax Reminder:** Wheel Tax must be purchased prior to February 28, 2011 in order to avoid a late charge and to avoid being issued a citation.

**Fire Department:** Application for Ted Johnson who lives at 406 S 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Already took the CPR course. Maxine made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all. Mayor Askew has been working with the grant writer for 2 different applications, one for a new Fire Truck and the other for new radios. The odd on getting a new Fire Truck is better if we are replacing the two old ones. Mayor Askew recently purchased some new bunker gear from Gall's in the amount of \$1,111.78. Roy made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all. The grant writer will cost \$1,000 for the first grant and \$500 for the second. Davina made a motion to pay 750.00 and Fire Department is to pay the other \$750.00, Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Taco Supper March 25, 2010:** The Fire Department purchased a new cot for the ambulance and they are having a taco supper to help raise money to pay for it. There will be No Fish Fry this year, the auction did not do so well last year, and the profits were down. They would like everyone to come see the new cot.

**Police Department:** Officer Robinson explained 911 are going to pay for the docking and the software for the in car computer system, therefore the only cost to the city will be the training which is being split with other communities, therefore is will only cost \$450. Mayor Askew asked if the issues with the Seaton contract had been resolved. Officer Robinson explained there were some issues with the past police officer and Seaton has an outstanding debt that needs to be resolved; he will go to their meeting next Monday to discuss the situation. Mayor Askew and Neil Nylin may both attend as well.

**Warming Shelter:** Mayor Askew would like to purchase a 60kw generator for \$14,831 that would start up automatic; he will bring more information next month. Arnold purchased \$300-\$400 worth of food in case we needed it for the shelter. He also explained everybody needs to get involved with the shelter or we need to find some volunteers to help during the time of need. Maxine made motion to donate the hamburger to the fire department, and the buns to the church, Roy seconded, accepted by all.

**National Weather Service:** Mayor Askew reported their prediction as of right now is 15.2, but they will have a new update on Thursday.

**Jackson's Disposal Revolving Loan Fund:** Carol Jackson has applied for a loan in the amount of \$20,000 to expand their recycling capacity. Davina made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

Roy made a motion to go into closed meeting for an update on Smitty's Too, Inc. and Seaton's Police Contract, Davina seconded, accepted by all.

Maxine made motion to adjourn; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

Time: 7:50PM

Terri Gibson  
City Clerk