

**Keithsburg City Council Minutes**  
**Held at 302 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**April 11, 2011**

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

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

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

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

**Cash Disbursements:** Neil made a motion to discuss in closed meeting, Roy seconded, accepted by all.

**Children's Advocacy Walk (May 14, 2011) Donation:** Marla Reynolds from the Family Crisis Center was present and asked for a donation for the Children's Advocacy Program. Last year they raised almost \$10,000.00 (85% of which stays within Mercer County) and had over 100 registered walkers. The program helps physically or sexual abused victims between the ages of 12-20. The walk is either 2 or 4 miles. The registration forms are available at City Hall. Maxine made a motion to donate \$500.00, Linda seconded, accepted by all.

**Part-Time Summer Help Applications:** In addition to last month's applications: Joshua Davis, Theresa Anderson, Brian Masley, Jarrod Logsdon, Gene Peterson, Melissa Harrison, Brian Masley and Mark Heater. Linda made a motion to discuss the applications in closed meeting, Roy seconded, accepted by all.

**Animal Control Contract:** 609 @ .32 = \$194.88 monthly. George made a motion to accept; Neil seconded, accepted by all. Roy is going to

contact the animal control officer and ask her to attend our May meeting to discuss things we could do to make this contract more effective for the city.

**Dog Issues:** Last month the council discussed creating an ordinance to limit the amount of dogs within the city limits and making it mandatory for everyone to purchase a city dog tag for their dogs. Terri called New Boston and Joy and neither one has anything regarding the number of dogs allowed. The Village of Joy does have a dog and cat tag ordinance, however the Village Clerk explained it is very hard to enforce without hiring an animal control officer.

**Buyout Application:** We received a letter on March 16, 2011 informing us they received our Grant Application and it is under review at this time.

**CATCH Carnival Donation:** Shawna Weeks from the Mercer County Health Department is asking for a \$75.00 donation to help purchase one boy bike and one girl bike to be given away the night of the carnival. This year they are partnering with the Mercer County YMCA and their Healthy Kids Day program and they are asking everyone to be part of their family fun night "Working Together for a Healthier Tomorrow" on April 14, 2011 from 5:30pm-7:00pm at the New Boston Elementary School. Linda made a motion to donate \$75.00 and pay out of the campground checking, Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

**Post Prom Donation:** Last year they did not ask for a donation, however in 2009 the donation was \$100.00. Davina made a motion not to pay this year and suggested they call prior to prom next year, Neil seconded, accepted by all.

**MSA Professional Services (Engineers):** Steve Haring was present and gave an update on the grants and they are seeking representative's letters of support on the city's behalf. Representative

Shillings is sending a letter of recommendation. The Search Grant is on hold for now.

**Water/Sewer:** Steve Nylin reported we have been using the new chemical in the water since April 1<sup>st</sup> and he will flush hydrants as soon as the river level is back to normal.

**Fire Department:** Judy Brown explained the Taco Supper was a big success. Judy also explained Bill Frieden was involved with a program through Monsanto and won a prize, which he had to be donate to a non-profit organization. Bill chose to donate to the Keithsburg Volunteer Ambulance Service. Representatives from Monsanto and Bill Frieden will be present at the Fire Department's April 27, 2011 meeting to present them with a check.

**Police Department:** Officer Robinson created a Keithsburg Police Department Manual. George made a motion to table until next month to give everyone a chance to review the manual, Roy seconded, accepted by all. Mayor Askew and Officer Robinson handled a situation over the weekend regarding two salespersons from Iowa Steaks in town talking to young girls. The two people are not to be stopping in any homes within the city limits. Officer Robinson mentioned he would like to take the juvenile training that will be starting soon; he would then be able to handle the juvenile cases. Officer Robinson has talked with the city attorney regarding the issues with the property on Jackson Street, and there was an issue today regarding a parking complaint and she is on the agenda for the May meeting.

**Campground:** Neil asked why we could not allow camping on the back rows if the water does not get real high. Maxine explained we would wait until next week to see if the water starts going down then they would reevaluate the situation.

**Revolving Loan Fund Application for \$40,000:** David and Sarah Foor have applied for a loan to purchase Barry's Standard Service. The application received at 4:30pm today did not give enough time to check credit references. Neil made a

motion to table the application for further investigation, Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

Linda made a motion to go into closed meeting to discuss an offer made by the grain elevator regarding the grain truck-tipping fee, Smitty's update, CC's Café and the part-time summer help applications, George seconded, accepted by all.

**Grain Truck Tipping Fee:** Linda made a motion to accept the agreement with a clause added to renegotiate after the 5 year period, Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Part-Time Summer Help Applications:** Linda made a motion to accept Mark Heater and pay him \$8.25 per hour with a maximum of 40 hours a week, Neil seconded, accepted by all.

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

**Future Cash Disbursements:** Neil made a motion to stop all spending other than the pre-approved reoccurring monthly bills; Linda seconded, accepted by all. The council must pre-approve all other expenses prior to spending.

**Levee Improvements:** George made motion to pay the following bills up to the following amounts: John Wagner 263 loads of sand at \$5.00 a load for a total of \$1,315.00; Mercer County Highway Department for rock \$181.27; and Keith Frieden Excavating \$5,100.00, Linda seconded, accepted by all.

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

Time: 8:55pm

Terri Gibson  
City Clerk