

**Keithsburg City Council Minutes**  
**Held at 302 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**January 10, 2011**

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

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

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

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

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

**Animal Control Contract:** The animal control officers were supposed to be putting a note in the drop box at City Hall every time they were in town, and since the September meeting they have only been in town (4) four times according to the notes dropped off. After much discussion regarding vicious dogs being a problem, which Maxine explained a dog has to have attacked (3) three times prior to being classified a vicious dog. Roy made a motion to renew on a monthly basis, Neil seconded, accepted by all.

**MSA Professional Services (Engineers):** Steve Haring was present and asked the council to approve a resolution giving support for various IKE Grant Applications, which is part of a disaster recovery grant through the State of Illinois. The council approved Resolutions for Meeting Urgent Need National Objective for each of the following CDBG Disaster Recovery Grants Applications, plus the following Resolution of Support as follows:

No. 13- Storm Water Pumping Improvements, Roy made a motion to accept; Neil seconded, accepted by all.

No. 14- Levee Restoration Improvements, Neil made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

No. 15- Water System Improvements, Neil made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

No. 16- Sanitary Sewer System Improvements, Roy made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

No. 17- Street and Roadway Improvements, Neil made a motion to accept; Roy seconded, accepted by all.

Maxine made a motion to authorize Mayor Askew to sign off on all the grant applications; Roy seconded, accepted by all. January 31, 2011 is the deadline. Public notices will be posted at the Post Office and at City Hall 7 days prior to submitting the grants.

**Water/Sewer:** Steve Nylin was explained the Fire Hydrant at 13<sup>th</sup> & Jackson Street needs repaired. Roy suggested capping or plugging it rather than repairing. Steve explained a new hydrant would cost about \$1,200.

**Streets and Sidewalks:** Mayor Askew mentioned the old dump truck is in need of repairs and he has been pricing one-ton trucks with salt spreader. The average prices are running from \$8,000-\$13,000. Arnold will report next month with more details.

**Fire Department:** Mayor Askew explained the new furnace was installed at the fire station is working well. He also explained there is a fire department grant application open with a deadline sometime in February and he has been pricing new emergency sirens systems. One of the companies will come to our town and do a pre-study for which

model will cover the whole town. Price ranging from \$5,400-\$7,400, he will have more information next month.

**Police Department:** Officer Robinson explained Mercer County Sheriff Department belongs to a CAD (computer-aided dispatch) system in which is a database program that would enable him to look up people, run license plates, check on order of protections, etc. The County will supply the computer and we would have to purchase a mounting system for the car. The initial cost is approximately \$1,800-\$2,000, there are (4) police departments that will be splitting the costs, plus the city would have to purchase an air card through us cellular. The County will be paying for any maintenance. Neil made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all. Officer Robinson asked the council's permission to keep the squad car at his house for faster response time. The council agreed that would be fine. Officer Robinson will be attending Seaton's council meeting next week.

**Campground:** Mayor Askew explained the fish cleaning station needs a new countertop. George will have more information next month. Maxine explained in the past the council voted to put (4) new campsites in on the south end of the campground, however Danny suggests we put 50 amp services in rather than the 30 amp services. The cost of materials for (4) 50 amps would be \$4,661.92. The council agreed to put the 50 amp services in and then discussed raising the camping fees \$1.00 a night for both full service and primitive camping. After much discussion, George made a motion to raise the full service camping to \$15.00 per night and \$8.00 per night for primitive camping; Maxine seconded, accepted by all. Maxine made a motion to spend \$4,661.92 for 50 amp services to be installed to create (4) new campsites; Roy seconded, accepted by all.

**Mercer County Senior Citizens Center:** Mayor Askew explained the County was asking for a donation, however the council pays all expenses for the senior center in Keithsburg and does not charge anything for the use of the building, therefore the council did not agree to any donation.

Jeff and Shawn Gilmour presented the council with plans for a future Tiki Bar, Numerous Little Shops, and Rental Cabins. They will be present next month to discuss their plans in more detail.

Roy made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Jefferey Abraham's revolving loan fund application along with an update on Smitty's Too, Inc., Neil seconded, accepted by all.

**Jefferey Abraham Revolving Loan Fund for \$69,096.86:** To refinance Smitty's current revolving loan fund contingent upon Abraham becoming the sole owner, Neil made a motion to accept; George seconded, accepted by all.

Neil made motion to adjourn, George seconded, accepted by all.

Time: 7:32PM

Terri Gibson  
City Clerk