

Keithsburg City Council Minutes
Held at 302 S. 14th Street
July 11, 2011

Mayor Askew Opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Alderman Physically Present: Maxine Henry, Davina Logsdon, George Askew and Neil Nylin. Jeff Gilmour and Roy Pritchett were absent.

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

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

Recurring Monthly Expenses: Nancy had a note on the cash disbursements asking to raise the preapproval pay out for David's Standard Station from \$500 monthly to \$1,500. Maxine made a motion to raise it to \$1,000; Neil seconded, accepted by all.

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

Semi-Parking Issue: Last month Mayor Askew had suggested the north side of the Ballpark. After much discussion, the council agreed to move it to the ballpark area on a trial basis. The trucks would enter from Short Street. Maxine made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all. Officer Robinson asked if this would address all semis parking in town. The council explained yes, it would eliminate the parking of all semis along the city streets throughout the city limits. Neil made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all. Terri will send letters to all of the semi drivers. The area would require rock and the council was not sure how much money it would take or how much they could spend to create the parking area, therefore Maxine made a motion to table until next month, George seconded, accepted by all.

Variance for Donald, Nila and Joshua Carle: The variance is for building a privacy fence along 10th street with a 5' setback rather the 25'. Boyd Shaw is the chairperson of the zoning board and he explained the zoning board approved the variance after conducting a public hearing held July 7, 2011. Maxine made a motion to accept; George seconded, accepted by all.

Part-Time Police Officer Application: The Times Record made a mistake and the advertisement did not run as expected, therefore the ad will run for the next three weeks and the deadline for applications will be 12:00 noon on August 8, 2011.

Property at 12th & VanBuren: Tim Gilmour and Brandon Seally (both landowners of property on the north side of the levee at 12th & VanBuren. Tim explained they have not had access to their property for over 2 years because the city would not allow vehicles on the levee. Mayor Askew explained a temporary solution would be to allow them to go down the levee from 16th & VanBuren Street. Maxine made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all. Tim also addressed issues with the wetland mitigation levee and explained that every time the river raises his property gets flooded.

Parking Issue at 10th & Main Street: There have been numerous complaints regarding the vehicles parking on the east side of 10th Street from Main to the alley. Mayor Askew explained he has had complaints

regarding the visibility of the stop sign due to vehicles parking to close. Maxine suggested posting a no parking from the south side of Main Street to the alley on both the east and west side of 10th street, plus east of Main Street from 10th to 11th Street. Neil made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all. Maxine-yes; Davina-yes; George-yes; and Neil-yes. Motion carried.

MSA Professional Services (Engineers): Steve Haring gave an update on the IKE funding grant procedures. The next step is getting bids from three different engineering firms and then the city's assigned committee will review the bids using a score sheet. Mayor Askew explained all the council members would be on the committee.

Police Department: Chief Robinson explained he created an administrative ticket ordinance. This would allow the police officer to write ordinance tickets and the city alone would receive the fine money. The ordinance needs some amending by adding a list of the ordinances to address, along with the fine amount for each offense. The average tickets are up to \$120.00 and could even include things such as drug paraphernalia. The city would collect the fines. This could include drug paraphernalia. Officer Robinson will present the council with a more detailed ordinance next month. The council agreed. Neil made a motion to discuss personnel issues in executive session, Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

Streets: George Askew suggested putting a stop sign at 4th & Jefferson Street (the one going west of the car wash). George made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

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Campground: Elsie took in \$5,112.00 over July 4th weekend with no major problems with the campers. Mayor Askew explained one of the hot water heaters quit working, therefore him and George Lyle replaced the hot water heater. The new hot water heater had dents in the top of it and Mayor Askew contacted Lowe's regarding the damage and they gave him \$100.00 discount. Mayor Askew explained Elsie gets a \$100 bonus for holiday weekends and he suggested raising it because the council has no idea the amount of extra work Elsie and Ben go through during the busy holiday weekends. Maxine made a motion to raise the holiday bonuses to \$200.00 for Memorial, July 4th, and Labor Day Weekends, Neil seconded, accepted by all except Davina who abstained.

Campground: George Askew and Maxine suggested building a shed behind the north bathhouse for storing campground supplies, mower, push mower and golf cart. Maxine explained having the shed would eliminate the need for the campground host to contact George every time they needed to get the mower out of the city shed. George and Maxine priced a 12 X 21 building that would cost \$2,410 and the concrete would be \$1,200 for a total of 3,610.00 to be paid out the campground checking. Davina made a motion to accept; George seconded, accepted by all.

Campground: Terri suggested installing battery backup lights in all (4) restrooms as a safety precaution during power outages. Maxine made a motion to table until next month to get prices, Neil seconded, accepted by all.

Marina: Steve Nylin explained Fitzgerald is still interested in building the marina; however the city violated the existing permit by making changes to the levee on Jackson Street that is part of the wetland mitigation plan.

Steve asked the council for permission to contact Wayne Hanel with the Corps of Engineers to see what it will take to comply again. Steve Haring agreed to assist in any way possible. Davina made a motion to accept; Neil seconded, accepted by all.

Liquor License Request: Jeff Abraham asked the council to consider extending the hours of the liquor license ordinance on a trial bases to 4:00am on Fridays and Saturdays. Maxine made a motion to accept for a temporary trial basis. Motion did not carry.

River's Edge Auto: Brad Loveridge would like permission to put up a 4' X 8' sign on the lot at 4th & Jackson Street. Several years ago Jeff Gilmour asked about putting up a sign and the council would not allow it because then you would have to let everyone put up a sign, therefore the council did not approve.

Zoning: George Askew suggested amending the zoning Ordinance 6, Series 2000 regarding the construction of fences. The language in Section 8-1 of the ordinance stipulates a setback of 25 feet from the right-of-way line of a road or street and George suggested leaving the setback up to the zoning board. Boyd Shaw who is the chairperson for the zoning board suggested leaving the ordinance as is and everyone needs to go through the same procedure. Neil made a motion to leave the wording as it is, Davina seconded, accepted by all except George who voted no. Motion carried.

Amber's Little Angels Daycare: Amber Gibson's Revolving Loan Fund Application for \$5,000.00 to start a licensed daycare. Davina made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

Neil made a motion to go into executive session to give an update on Smitty's Revolving Loan Fund and discuss police matters, George seconded, accepted by all.

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

Time: 7:50pm

Terri Gibson
City Clerk