

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

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

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

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

Tweety's Hi-Way: Mayor Askew explained there was an issue at Tweety's Saturday night and he informed them clothes must be put back on, which is what is supposed to be done. If anyone has a problem regarding this issue, he wants you to contact him personally. According to the City Liquor License Ordinance, he handled the situation in a professional matter. Roy explained he stopped and talked with Teri and this will not happen again without council approval.

Dump Truck: No new update.

Emergency Siren: Mayor Askew is checking into a USDA Rural Development Grant. It is a 70% - 30% grant. He has priced two different sirens costing \$16,950 or a bigger one \$19,950 both completely installed we just have to supply electric to the pole and the company will accept a payment plan.

Christmas Lights: Forks for the Case Tractor that would help with putting up and taking down the Christmas Lights, plus moving the picnic tables and grills around at the campground. The cost is \$950.00. Maxine made a motion to accept and pay out of the campground checking; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

Part-Time Summer Help Applications: Caleb Wheeler, Tony Spiker, Cale Muske and Cameron Muske. Roy made a motion to table for discussion in executive session, Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

Animal Control Contract: The council requested a note be put in the drop box at any time the animal control officer(s) were in town, and there has only been (4) notes in the drop box. Sept. 23, 2010, Oct. 27, 2010, Nov. 29, 2010 and Mar.11, 2011. Roy was at animal control meeting and some suggestions were as follows: they want us to request a monthly report, a complete printout for the month regarding Keithsburg, limit the number of dogs per household, city dog tags and pay a fee, adopt a dangerous dog ordinance. Roy made a motion to pay the animal control contract for the month, Davina seconded, accepted by all except George who voted no, and Maxine who abstained. Motion carried.

Flood Update: Mayor Askew thanked Danny Henry for removing the electrical pedestals from the front 2 rows at the campground; also thank Stacey Brown and Cory Logsdon for their help. He also explained he rented the equipment and put the levee back in at the Keithsburg Boat Club. Mayor Askew informed everyone that

everything regarding disasters must go through the county disaster coordinator (Jennifer Hamerlinck) and she will be requesting updates every 3 hours during a disaster. Arnold has requested equipment to raise the levee; however, there will probably be nothing available until a disaster is happening. One part of our existing levee is 20.49.

MSA Professional Services (Engineers): Steve will help Mayor Askew with the USDA Grant application. They completed our Levee survey last week.

Easter Egg Hunt Donation: Reverend Chuck Reynolds is in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt and is asking for a \$200.00 donation. Roy made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

Grain Truck Gratuity Fee: Roy contacted the Capital to see about a gratuity fee and they suggested he contact the county and/or township regarding a Road Use Tax. The council discussed putting up weight limit signs to force the grain trucks to go all the way around town to preserve the city streets. The city spends a lot of money on road repairs each year and the grain elevator and/or trucks do not pay for any of the expenses. Neil suggested someone going and talking with ADM (grain elevator) prior to putting a weight limit on the roads. Roy will call ADM and setup a meeting for Wednesday afternoon; Maxine agreed to go with him.

Fire Department: Mayor Askew explained the grants applications are completed. The grant for the new Fire Truck was \$268,464 and the grant for 25 new portable radios with microphones, 6 mobiles installed and firefighter 1 & 2 training \$19,508.

Campground: George suggested rehiring Elsie Stotler as the campground host at the same pay as last year. Linda made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all except Davina who abstained. The woman that was banned from the campground because of her involvement in the riot on July 4th last year has called Mayor Askew and would like to know if she can come back this year. The council agreed but if there were any further problems, they would prosecute and ban her permanently. Maxine made a motion to accept; Linda seconded, accepted by all.

Maxine made a motion to go into closed meeting, to get an update on Smitty's Too, Inc. revolving loan fund, Marina update, and Part-Time Summer Help applications, Davina seconded, accepted by all.

Lease Smitty's Too, Inc. to Jeff Abraham: A 12 month lease for \$1,000.00 monthly, payments to go toward revolving loan fund, and forgive the additional accrued interest. Linda made a motion to accept; Neil seconded, accepted by all.

Part-Time Summer Help Applications Advertisement: The council wants to run the advertisement again and add the following: Must be available to start work from April 12th until the end of October and work Mon. thru Fri. 7:00am-3:30pm. Roy made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

Davina made a motion to adjourn, George seconded, accepted by all.

Time: 8:05pm

Terri Gibson
City Clerk