

**Keithsburg City Council Minutes**  
**Held at 302 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**May 9, 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:** Neil made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

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

**Cash Disbursements (see attached list):** Neil made a motion to accept; George seconded, accepted by all.

**Recurring Bills:** Treasurer Nancy Nylin has updated the recurring list of bills (see attached list). George made a motion to accept the list with the exception that General Fund will no longer pay Water/Sewer \$2,368.00 annually, plus Campground pay Water/Sewer \$204.00 monthly, Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

**Pass Resolution for David's Standard Station Revolving Loan Fund for \$40,000:** David and Sarah Foor to purchase Barry's Standard Station. Maxine made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all. The City of Keithsburg purchased a plaque for Barry being in business since April 4, 1973 (38 years and 1 month) Mayor Askew will present the plaque to Barry at his retirement party May 14, 2010 at Donnie Cox residence 711 S 11<sup>th</sup> Street at 2:00pm.

**Vicious Dog Ordinance:** Roy explained Mercer County Animal Control already has copies of our ordinances, but they had suggested putting a cap on the amount of dogs allowed and start a local dog registration. The Village of Joy has a local dog registration and they are having a difficult time with enforcing the ordinance. The council agreed to not pursue these issues.

**Keithsburg Police Department Manual:** Mayor Askew explained the manual is at City Hall for review and he is going to place a sheet on top of it for the council to sign off on and then it will be presented to the council again next month. Neil made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

Mayor Askew thanked Kenny Tharp for donating his time and machine to work on the levees, he also thanked Jimmie Jackson for bringing his machine to town, George Lyle for all his help keeping the pumps running, and Jennifer Hamerlinck, Sue Coors and Pat Campbell for all their assistance.

**Terri Gibson (City Clerk) swore in George Askew as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman and Jeff Gilmour as 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman:** Roy explained nobody ran for 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman and Neil is interested in filling the (2) year vacancy. Roy made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

**Terri swore in Neil Nylin as 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman for a (2) year term.**

**IKE-Public Infrastructure Grant Awards:** Mayor Askew explained he will need a motion later to go into closed meeting to give an update.

**Motor Fuel Tax Resolution:** In the amount of \$18,000 (16,511.93 seal coat, 900' length X 20' wide, Main Street 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>). Roy made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

**Parking Issues at 7<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Main Street:** Lisa Wessel was going to attend the meeting and discuss the parking issues at 7<sup>th</sup> & Main Street; however she was ill and not able to attend. Lisa would like to have more rock to make her parking area larger. Mayor Askew will look into this matter. Davina mentioned the parking on the southeast side of 10<sup>th</sup> street is causing problems with the big trucks turning the corner at 10<sup>th</sup> & Main Street. The council discussed possibly making a no parking area so many feet from the stop sign if the problem continues.

**Playground Equipment for the Park at 6<sup>th</sup> & Main Street:** Gary Fues was present and asked the council for permission to start a fundraiser to purchase some new playground equipment for the park located by Casey's. Terri Marshall manager at Casey's gave Mayor Askew paperwork to sell Casey's pizza cards. Pizza cards and donut cards \$15.00 each and \$7.50 from each card goes towards the park for the equipment. The council agreed to help sell the tickets. Gary wants permission to proceed with trying to collect enough money to purchase a \$19,000.00 unit, however that does not include the mulch. Maxine made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Semi-Parking Issues with the City Limits:** The city used to provide a place at 4<sup>th</sup> & Jackson for drivers to park their semis; however due to the high water it is too wet at this time. Davina explained the trucks that are parking in the block of 4<sup>th</sup> & Washington Street are causing a problem. Roy explained those trucks cannot be parking along there because it off the truck route. Officer Robinson explained dropping the trailers in the subdivision is what started this issue and according to Ordinance No 6 of 1969 semi parking is not allowed within the city limits at all. Roy mentioned it not the city's responsibility to create a parking area at all and if we did it would have to be along the truck route, he also mentioned the subdivision is not part of the truck route. Gary Fues is a truck driver and he explained Oquawka has an area for semi parking and the drivers could drop trailers in Oquawka and bring their tractor home. After much discussion Davina made a motion to table this until next month to give the council more time to look at the options and get estimates on rock, Roy seconded, accepted by all.

**Police Department:** Officer Robinson will be attending juvenile training through the county; however he explained the city used to pay an annual membership fee of \$75.00 to the Mobile Training Unit which included all the additional training courses. With as a non-member the training costs \$100.00 per course. Davina made a motion to pay the \$75.00 membership; Roy seconded, accepted by except Maxine who abstained. Motion carried.

**Juveniles from Arrowhead Ranch:** Officer Robinson explained the Mercer County Probation department contacted him regarding a place in the Keithsburg area that could be used for a classroom for Arrowhead Ranch to use for a 17 week rehabilitation program. The majority of the kids are from Keithsburg, therefore Officer Robinson suggested letting them use the gymnasium. They will have adult supervision at all times. Neil made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Police Department Taser Gun:** Officer Robinson explained he had an altercation a few weeks ago in which a gentlemen tried to disarm him. Officer Robinson asked for permission to pursue funding options to

purchase a Taser Gun, at this time he is not certified to use a Taser gun. Neil made motion for him to check into the funding options; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Joe Sargeant's Property:** Officer Robinson took about 20 pictures and sent them to him. Mayor Askew will call the attorney tomorrow.

**Campground:** The back row will hopefully be open by this weekend. Maxine asked about repainting the signs. George Lyle is going to check into the signs.

**Change election of council at large rather than being split into wards:** Maxine and Terri have been checking into having the city council voted at large rather than split into wards, however the first step is for the council to approve the petition to do so, then it takes 10% of votes casted for Mayor at the last election, the final step is to have it put on the ballot. Davina made a motion to accept; George seconded, accepted by all.

**MSA Professional Services (Engineers) Master Services Agreement:** At the request of the City of Keithsburg, MSA Professional Services will provide professional engineering and surveying services on an as needed basis. The work covered by this agreement shall include miscellaneous engineering services, cost estimates, surveys, and consulting services. Work performed under this agreement will be invoices on a monthly basis in accordance with their standard hourly rate schedule. Maxine made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

Roy made a motion to go into closed meeting to discuss the IKE Infrastructure Grants, update on Smitty's Too, Inc.; and litigation; Davina seconded, and accepted by all.

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

Time: 8:07PM

Terri Gibson  
City Clerk