

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

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

**George Askew's Resignation:** Due to health reason George is resigning as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman. Davina made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

**Alderman Physically Present:** Roy Pritchett, Maxine Henry, Davina Logsdon, and Neil Nylin. Jeff Gilmour was absent.

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

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

**Cash Disbursements:** Includes Insurance Renewal. Neil made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

**U.S. Cellular Lease for a new tower to improve cell phone signals:** The lease would allow U.S. Cellular to construct a new 190' monopole tower and a prefabricated radio equipment shelter. The site would be located at the north entrance of the ballpark (Short Street). They would pay \$500 initially and \$350 monthly afterwards. Roy is not for the tower if it is going to have a flashing light on it. Maxine made a motion to accept contingent that the tower does not have a flashing light on it; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Stop all Charge Accounts Resolution:** Neil made a motion to accept the resolution; Roy seconded, accepted by all.

**MSA Professional Services (Engineers):** Steve Haring presented the council with the

engineering contracts for the storm water pumps and levee projects. The contract for the streets project is still being reviewed. The engineering cost estimates has not changed, however their standard contract is being adjusted to fit the requirements. Roy made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all. Steve Haring asked the council to give Mayor Askew and Terri authority to sign the contract for the street project after reviewing it. Roy made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

**Resolution calling an election for home rule referendum and for election of alderman at large:** Attorney John Ames explained if the city wanted to vote for alderman at large rather than by wards then we must become a home rule form of government. John has been Orion's attorney for years and he explained that the Illinois Constitution reads if a city is a Non-Home Rule they must find good authority prior to doing anything. After much research he discovered it would be a good thing to become a home rule form of government, because it would give the council full power and authority without having to find a statue. Both questions home rule and alderman at large would be on the ballot for the next primary election on March 13, 2012. Roy suggested having a special meeting to educate the public. The council agreed to have a special meeting in the gymnasium December 12, 2011 at 5:30pm in the gymnasium to get the citizens input. Maxine made a motion to table until next month, Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Jackson's Disposal Garbage Contract Renewal:** Jimmy Jackson was present and asked the council to extend his garbage service contract for 5 years with a .12 cent raise each year starting January 1, 2012. Maxine made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Water/Sewer:** Terri has had two different property owners ask if the city would consider not

charging sewer on unoccupied properties. Maxine explained originally it was to pay off the sewer bond and she feels if there is no service at a property that we should not charge. After much discussion the council agreed not to change the ordinance.

**Ben Poole Fire Department application:**

Neil made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all except Davina who abstained. Motion carried.

**Fire Department \$7,116.54 Training**

**Reimbursement:** There are 34-\$200; 1-\$183.26; and 1 -\$133.28 for a total of \$7,116.54. Neil made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

**Police Department:** Chad is presently enrolled in a 60 hour course law update.

**Cage out of Old Squad Car:** Davina made a motion to donate the cage to the Village of Joy; Roy seconded, accepted by all.

**Police Department:** Chief Robinson explained there are presently one camper and one boat left in the seasonal parking area that closed October 31, 2011. The council agreed to have them towed at the owner's expense and issue them an Administrative Ticket. Neil asked for an update on Joe Sargeant's property located at 10<sup>th</sup> Jackson Street. Notice has been served. Attorney John Ames and Officer Robinson will follow up on this matter.

**Streets/Sidewalks:** Neil does not think we need Mark at this time. The council agreed. Mayor Askew explained we need to purchase some replacement parts for the snow plow costing \$414.40. Roy made a motion to accept; Neil seconded, accepted by all.

**Campground:** Advertise in the US Corp of Engineers "Along the River" brochure. There are 30,000 copies circulated each year. Maxine suggested placing a ¼ page horizontal \$205.00 in full color additional \$150.00 and using a picture of the campground that shows the new beach. Maxine made a motion to accept and pay out of the

campground checking account; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Tax Levy \$55, 023.00:** Corporate 11,000; Fire 3,500; Police 3,500; Audit \$1,012; Social Security and Medicare \$4,909; Insurance \$15,000; Unemployment \$3,631; Worker's Compensation \$7,521; Street Lighting \$2,500; and Street and Bridge \$2,450. Davina made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

**Water/Sewer:** Steve Nylin explained the blower building at the sewer plant and the city well both are in need of new roofs and he suggested replacing them with metal. Steve also explained he needs a new pressure switch at the well. Usage has gone down considerable and he suggested raising the sewer lines on Jackson Street between 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Steve Haring explained the city may be eligible for some CDAP Funding through DCEO, due to the low to moderate income level the city would qualify to apply for design and engineering. There would be a local match requirement of 25% and he explained there is around \$25,000 earmarked for the City of Keithsburg for general infrastructure. Steve Nylin explained we also have 5 or 6 fire hydrants that need replaced.

**Modern Woodman Christmas Basket**

**Donation:** Maxine made a motion to donate \$200.00 to be paid out of campground checking; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**Entrepreneurship Week Proclamation**

**February 18-25:** Maxine made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

**State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property**

**Program Resolution:** Roy made a motion to accept; Davina seconded, accepted by all.

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

Time: 7:55pm

Terri Gibson  
City Clerk