

Keithsburg City Council Minutes
Held at 302 S. 14th Street
October 10, 2011

Mayor Askew Opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Alderman Physically Present: Roy Pritchett, Maxine Henry, Davina Logsdon, Jeff Gilmour, and Neil Nylin. George Askew 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: Neil made a motion to discuss in closed meeting; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

Water/Sewer Locator: After much discussion, Neil made a motion to work with the locator we have now; Jeff seconded, accepted by all.

Parking of Vehicles Ordinance Revisions: Davina made motion to accept with the following revisions: delete Section 2, b (length) and c (size of truck) and revise Section 4 - \$125.00 fine. This will allow semi parking within the city limits as long as it does not interfere with the passage of traffic upon the streets or alleys within the city; Maxine seconded. Roy-yes; Maxine-yes; Davina-yes; Jeff-yes and Neil-yes. Motion carried.

Labor Management Organization: Mark Williams was present and explained the State law requires we except the lowest responsible bidder and the lowest bidder is not always the best qualified. The ordinance will protect the city from unqualified contractors building in our community. The ordinance requires the contractor to present a certificate of insurance, they must pay prevailing wage laws, etc. Their website is iiffc.org. Roy made a motion to accept the ordinance; Neil seconded. Roy-yes; Maxine-yes; Davina-yes; Jeff-yes and Neil-yes. Motion carried.

MSA Professional Services (Engineers): Steve Haring presented the council with the Engineering contract agreements for the IKE projects, he also forwarded a copy top Shawn Shiffer the grant administrator for her approval. Roy explained it would be nice to see the levee project started before spring. Steve explained all the environmental reviews must be done prior to starting any of the work. The levee will be built to Corps of Engineers standards and therefore it will be a certified levee when the job is complete. Community planning funds may become available in December.

Streets: Mayor Askew explained the council needed to decide how much longer they wanted Mark Heater the part-time summer help to work. The council agreed the city shed needed cleaned up and the garbage removed. Davina mentioned we need to utilize him as long as possible. The council agreed on another month and discusses it again next month.

Fire Department: Judy Brown explained they will be serving hot dogs and hot chocolate on October 31st during trick or treat hours 6:00pm-8:00pm at the fire station. Taco Supper on November 5th. The fire department has been very busy with fires.

Police Department: Neil mentioned the possibility of sending someone through police training; however Brian Simpson had informed him that he cannot do it part-time. Chief Robinson explained Chad will be starting shortly. Mayor Askew explained the squad car needs new tires on the rear and we need to have additional keys made for squad. To have four (4) keys made will cost \$190.00. Neil made a motion to have (4) keys made (\$50 programing fee and \$35 for each key), plus spend up to \$250.00 for tires, Jeff seconded, accepted by all.

Administrative Tickets Amendment: Terri suggests adding the mandatory garbage pickup

which is Ordinance No.8, Series 2003 to Exhibit 1 of the administrative tickets ordinance. Davina made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all.

Campground: Maxine explained the plumbing in the restrooms needs to be updated and she suggests we take bids for the work to be done in the spring after the chance of flooding. Roy made a motion to accept; Maxine seconded, accepted by all. Roy explained there are 2 campers and a trailer with expired plates in the courtesy parking area at 3rd & Washington Street. The council agreed to have them towed because they must have valid plates to use the parking. Maxine mentioned moving the shelter from 11th & Short Street to the campground just north of the south boat ramp. The council approved.

Ball Diamond Scoreboard Donation: Davina made a motion to donate \$500 and pay out of campground checking; Maxine seconded, accepted by all. She also thanked everyone for their hard work and everyone who participated.

Mercer County Annual Events Brochure: Jenny Garner from the economic development committee is asking the council to donate \$50.00 to publish the brochure; she would also like the Mayor to appoint someone to be on the committee. Mayor Askew appointed Davina and Maxine to the committee. Neil made a motion to donate \$50.00; Roy seconded, accepted by all except Davina and Maxine who abstained.

Sell Items on Ebay or Craigslist: Mayor Askew suggested putting following items up for bid (local pickup only): old squad car, old pull type dual reels from hose cart, and the old Ferno ambulance cot. Neil made a motion to put the stuff up for bid, Roy seconded, accepted by all.

Gambling Boat: Mayor Askew has been talking to Richard Johnson who wants to know if the city would like to have a gambling boat. He is interested in numerous projects in town that total \$10.4 million dollars. These projects would require 3 investors and he is planning on the city being one of them. The gambling boat will cost 4 million and it is 352 ft long 3 stories tall. Redo roads and sewer

downtown, grocery store, and strip mall. He wants the city to apply for the gambling license through corps of engineers. Arnold is going to talk with reverend chuck prior to next month.

Davina made a motion to go into closed meeting to discuss cash disbursements, Jeff seconded, accepted by all.

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

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

Time: 7:59pm

Terri Gibson
City Clerk