

City of Keithsburg Minutes

Held at 302 South 14th St.

December 11, 2023

Mayor Reason opened meeting at 6:30pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Aldermen present: Donnie Cox, Melonie McLaughlin, Chad Weeks, Shaun Tippie, Don Truitt and Ronnie Brock. Absent was City Clerk Kayla Hillman and Skyler Flowers. Treasurer Cindy Diehl came in later.

No Public Comments

Cash Receipts: Ronnie Brock made motion to accept. DonTruitt seconded motion. Approved by all with Melonie McLaughlin has a question for Treasurer Cindy Diehl regarding expenses.

Cash Disbursements – Donnie Cox made motion to approve. Ronnie Brock seconded motion. Approved by all with Melonie McLaughlin has a question for Treasurer.

Minutes from last Month's meeting – Melonie McLaughlin made motion to approve. Donnie Cox seconded motion. Approved by all.

Water and Sewer: Ion Solutions – Brian said they changed the oil in the blowers at the wastewater plant. Donnie Cox asked him about Daymeon Yates residence and Brian had talked with Daymeon. They thought it had to do with the main for him to have low pressure. Laughlins was intermittent as far as their pressure. He will get in touch with Chris Brock at 1205 Monroe for rusty water.

Maintenance – Donnie Cox made motion to get bids for fence at the Maintenance Shop. The fence will be put all along the apartment building around the shed and to the maintenance storage building. Melonie McLaughlin seconded motion. Approved by all.

Fire Department: Jeremy will get a list of names for the Christmas Bonus for firemen. Chad Weeks made motion for bonus of \$50 each. Donnie Cox seconded motion. Donnie Cox made motion to have the Fire Department pay for the books (\$125 each) for the three firemen attending the EMT classes. Chad Weeks seconded motion. Approved by all. They are Jamie Malcom, Blake Lieving and Curtis DeWeese. They will attend classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5pm to 9pm beginning in January for 16 weeks. Classes are free.

Ambulance – Donnie Cox made motion to have Mayor Reason sign the contract for ambulance service with Elite Solutions beginning January 1, 2024. Chad Weeks seconded motion. Approved by all. It was discussed to add \$10 to the water/sewer for Future Improvements and \$5 from the campground. We will let people know it is for the ambulance service and will be added to the bill but not as a line item. Chad Weeks made motion to approve. Shaun Tippie seconded motion. Donnie Cox asked if a note could

be added to the water/sewer bill with explanation. After further discussion, it was decided to table this until next meeting. Shaun Tippie rescinded his motion. Tabled until next meeting.

Police Department – Police Chief Chris DeFrieze could not make meeting due to work schedule at Brookstone.

Campground: Applications should include campground host and mowing.

De-Annexation for Kenny Tharp's property across the levee. Kenny said he does have some bow hunters interested in the property. Melonie McLaughlin made motion for the de-annexation and Shaun Tippie seconded motion as long as we have the easement along the levee. Kenny said he had given this to the City when Terri Gibson was City Clerk. Approved by all except Donnie Cox who voted no.

Tax Levy: Ordinance 2024 in the amount of \$66,510.00 – Donnie Cox made motion to approve. Ronnie Brock seconded motion. Approved by all.

Motor Fuel Tax for Documentation Review Period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$78,426.42. Motion to approve by Ronnie Brock. Don Truitt seconded. Approved by all.

Other: Christmas Bonus for employees – Skyler Flowers - \$300; Josh Fisher \$100; Michael Flowers \$100; Kayla Hillman \$150; and Rachuel Malcom \$250. Tyson Malcom bonus of \$50 will be deducted from the \$150 that he owed the City leaving him owing \$100. Donnie Cox approved and Shaun Tippie seconded motion. Approved by all.

Christmas Light Contest – Donnie Cox approved to have the lights judged and all councilmen will be included in the contest and Everyone who has put up lights and displays. Ronnie Brock seconded motion. Approved by all. \$125 for 1st place; \$75 for 2nd place and \$25 for 3rd place. Motion made by Chad Weeks to approve and seconded by Shaun Tippie. Approved by all.

Marina – Kenny Tharp said he didn't want to be put on the agenda for the marina. He just need a print for the marina. Mayor Reason said she would check on that.

Bids for new garbage company – Our present contract is until 2025 with LRS. LRS called and said they would make things better. Attorney Eric Long suggested that the City Clerk makes a list of everyone that complains to keep better track. Shaun Tippie said if complaints are not corrected we could send a certified letter to the company.

Discussion about the problem at Matt Millage's. He should be getting fined. It was suggested to call EPA and DNR. Attorney Eric Long said letters need to be sent to Reddick.

Attorney Eric Long also suggested that he will send a letter to Cargill asking them to pay \$15,000 to aid in the streets in the City of Keithsburg.

Chad Weeks made motion to adjourn. Donnie Cox seconded motion. Approved by all.

Minutes taken and typed by Mayor Sharon Reason