

The meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Kirklin Town Hall.

On the Call of the Roll, the following Council Members were present: Jerry Faucett, Melinda Jobe, Walt Minnick, and Brent Stetler. Councilwoman Jennifer Bowman was absent.

Also present were Brendon Bright, Billy Walker and Tara Walker.

Melinda Jobe opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

MINUTES – The minutes from the meeting held on June 12, 2023 were approved as written.

PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing was conducted for additional appropriations to the Police – Donation and the Police Non-Reverting Funds. The funds are for additional equipment for the Ford Explorer police vehicle. Brent Stetler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-7-1 for an additional appropriation to the Police – Donation Fund in the amount of \$2573.62 and to the Police Non-Reverting Fund in the amount of \$20,398.00. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it was carried with a unanimous vote.

REQUEST FOR MONON TRAIL FUNDS – The council discussed the request from KMS (Kirklin Main Street) for \$4500.00 to strengthen their proposal for Next Level Trails funding assistance for the Monon Trail. It was recommended to KMS to hire an engineering firm to improve the specs and design of the Kirklin section of the trail. Melinda Jobe stated that it would just come off the additional money they have already requested from the Town. After Melinda Jobe spoke with the Executive Director of KMS, she was told the amount requested is \$4300.00 which is also what is on the Scope of Services from HWC Engineering, Inc. Melinda stated that they will more than likely bill the Town at the beginning of August and we will have 60 days to pay. Brent Stetler made a motion to approve the request for \$4300.00 to HWC Engineering in assisting Kirklin Main Street with their Next Level Trails Round 4 Application. The motion was supported by Walt Minnick and it carried with a unanimous vote.

WASTEWATER PROJECT – Melinda Jobe attended a meeting about the SRF (State Revolving Fund) grant funding the town applied for and was informed that Kirklin did not receive any. Of the many towns that submitted applications, Kirklin was ranked #57 and only 11 or 12 projects were going to be funded. Melinda stated that Amy Miller told her that the income survey didn't help us. Melinda said that the town still has the option to be in the Open Pool Program that may involve a higher interest rate but didn't know if there would be any grant money available. We would have to let SRF know by August 1st. Steve Brock gave the town some other options to consider such as filling out an application for Rural Development (RD) funding and that our possibility of getting any grant money would be in the 45 – 75% range. They will have limited funding as many other towns will also apply. The terms are longer in that they are 40-year loans vs. 30 years with SRF. Rural Development requires more financial and detailed information than the SRF application. Commonwealth Engineering is willing to revamp our PER for \$5,000.00 instead of their standard \$10,000.00 because they can use the existing PER but just add the information needed such as an Environmental Impact Study that RD requires. The other option would be to reduce our scope and do the project in smaller portions. Walt Minnick made a motion to approve the town applying for a Rural Development grant and to pay Commonwealth Engineering \$5,000.00 to revamp our PER to include the additional items that the RD application requires. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried with a unanimous vote. Steve Brock would like to prepare a letter for Melinda Jobe to sign to inform SRF to keep us in the Pool Program for March 2024. After a brief

discussion, Melinda Jobe made a motion for her to be able to sign the letter that Steve Brock will prepare. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and it carried with a unanimous vote.

PARK/RECREATION BOARD – There were no Park Board members present.

DRAINAGE ISSUES – There was discussion regarding the hole at W. Washington St. and N. Main St. Billy Walker stated that he is waiting to hear back from the State on it as he has contacted Jeremy McCoy from INDOT who is supposed to be sending a letter explaining what they found and how they want to proceed fixing the road. Jeremy told Billy that the person in charge of it is on leave and won't be able to get to it for a couple of months. Billy Walker had a camera put in the hole and we have a storm line that runs just north of it. Billy stated that you can see a galvanized storm drain that someone in the past had installed and drilled through the top half of the old original storm drain. He said apparently when they found out it had happened, they just poured some loose concrete over the top of it and over the years it has deteriorated and washed out. He stated besides the plate put over the hole that there are also barricades and cones. Billy said that the other hole northeast of the larger one is beginning to erode and the structure, which is also the responsibility of INDOT, is starting to fall apart. Jerry Faucett is amazed that the State is not doing their job as they know about it as well as a state representative. Regarding the issue of the hole outside of town limits on the west side of town, Jerry stated that he hasn't heard anything else but that it has been proven to be a County issue. He stated the drain is working but he is concerned about the safety issue of it.

UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT – Billy Walker provided the Council with a written report.

MARSHAL – AED's - Brendon Bright informed the council that he picked up the AED from Kenny Kalpesh over Kirk's Crossing weekend that he purchased for the police department. Nick Light has 2 more AED's and they will take about 6 – 8 weeks to arrive. They will then have one for each police vehicle and one at Town Hall. **2022 FORD EXPLORER** - He contacted Move Over Outfitters regarding the Ford Explorer but has not heard anything back. **HAIL DAMAGE** – The council discussed the hail damage to both police vehicles plus Billy Walker's work truck resulting from the storm on June 25th, 2023. Tara Walker provided the council with damage reports and the amount of the checks received from the town's insurance company. Tara stated that she has not deposited the checks yet as she does not want it to be understood as an agreement in case the council wants to challenge their assessment of damage and the amount paid. Brendon Bright stated that the insurance quote is to use Paintless Dent Repair (PDR) but that Jerry's Body Shop has cautioned against doing that in the past because it won't last. It was decided that Brendon and Billy will take the vehicles to a body shop to get an estimate. Melinda Jobe will reach out to Jay Moore in regards to the matter to see the best way to proceed. Tara will hold the checks received until we hear from Jay on the best course of action.

CLERK-TREASURER – Revenue, Appropriations, Statement of Reconciled Accounts, the current Register of Claims, Adjustments Register, and Payroll Allowance Dockets for months ending May 30, 2023 and June 30, 2023, were given to the Council prior to the meeting. There were no questions and the Register of Claims, Adjustments Register, and both Payroll Allowance Dockets were signed by all Council Members. The Bank Statements were presented for review and Melinda Jobe signed the Statement of Reconciled Accounts and the Bank Statements.

COUNCIL MEMBERS – WALT MINNICK – He reported that there has been a red vehicle on W. Jefferson St. that has been sitting there without a license plate with a window busted out from the hail storm. He

also stated that 401 N. Ohio St. and 404 N. Pike St. needs their grass cut. He asked Billy if the State is behind on their paving project on US Highway 38. Billy replied that from what he has been told is that they should have it paved this week. **BRENT STETLER** – Brent stated that he enjoyed seeing the mural going up downtown on the side of the building at 110 S. Main St. He also likes the new sign put up on the north end of town and Melinda Jobe stated that Billy did a good job of it. **JERRY FAUCETT** – He received a complaint regarding the dog at 507 N. Ohio St. **MELINDA JOBE** – She has received information that there may be new puppies at 402 N. Main St. which is the same address suspected to have had 10 dogs that recently got out. **309 E. JEFFERSON ST.** – Melinda Jobe is going to follow up with the Area Plan Commission regarding any update. **BUSHES AND TREES** – Melinda Jobe is going to contact Peyton with Platinum Landscaping regarding getting an estimate on removing the scrub bushes and trim the tree in front of the marshal’s office at town hall as well as the tree on the south side of E. Madison St. downtown. **TWO TREES DOWNTOWN** – Melinda Jobe stated that the driver who caused the accident when the truck hit the trees next to the fire station and in front of the bank does not have insurance but the driver of the truck does. We are waiting to hear if the trees will be covered or not. Billy Walker stated that he will cut the tree in front of the bank down to ground level until a new one can replace it. Melinda is going to ask Drew from Browning-Day what kind of trees were originally planted.

Seeing no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Melinda Jobe