

A regular meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00p.m. at Kirklin Town Hall while being simultaneously livestreamed at [www.youtube.com/@kirklinindiana](http://www.youtube.com/@kirklinindiana).

The meeting was opened by Melinda Jobe. On the call of the roll, the following Council Members were present: Brent Stetler, Melinda Jobe, Walt Minnick, Jerry Faucett, and Craig Hudzinski.

Also present: Billy Walker, James Phipps, Patricia Isenhour, Brendon Bright, James Quick, Jay Moore, Trisha Bray, Mike Bray, Kat Bell, Dan Carlisle, Tina Hudzinski, Sandra Price, and Tara Walker.

The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were led by Melinda Jobe.

**MINUTES** – Brent Stetler made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the Town Council Meeting held on June 9, 2025. Walt Minnick seconded and it passed unanimously.

**REZONE REQUEST** – The town council considered rezoning petition #LUPAC 07-25-389. The Clinton County Area Plan Commission (APC) submitted a favorable recommendation for the rezoning request made by Patricia Isenhour of the lot located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Highway 421 N and Hwy 38W from the current R-3, Medium Density Residential Zoning District to the B-2, Central Business Zoning District. The approval included required commitments that Kat Bell from the APC informed the council that they may amend or add to. The proposed development would include a liquor store and two other units. Brent Stetler doesn't think anything should be done unless there is a stoplight due to the busy intersection. Melinda Jobe and Craig Hudzinski recommended Pat do some environmental research on the property. After further discussion, Jerry Faucett made a motion to read Ord. #2025-7-1 "An Ordinance Amending the Unified Development Ordinance of Clinton County, Indiana" by title only. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it passed with the following vote: Jerry Faucett, yes; Craig Hudzinski, yes; Melinda Jobe, yes; Walt Minnick, no; and, Brent Stetler, no. Melinda Jobe made a motion to pass Ord. 2025-7-1 on first reading. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it passed with the following vote: Jerry Faucett, yes; Craig Hudzinski, yes; Melinda Jobe, yes; Walt Minnick, no; and, Brent Stetler, no. Melinda Jobe made a motion to suspend the rules to pass the second reading of Ord. 2025-7-1 at the same meeting as the first vote. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and the vote was as follows: Jerry Faucett, yes; Craig Hudzinski, yes; Melinda Jobe, yes; Walt Minnick, no; and, Brent Stetler, no. The motion failed due to the requirement of needing a unanimous vote to pass the ordinance at the same meeting. The second reading will be on the August 11, 2025 council meeting agenda.

**50/50 SIDEWALK PROGRAM** – The council considered 50/50 Sidewalk Applications for Mike & Trisha Bray of 208 W. Madison St. and John McIntyre of 103 Perry St. Billy Walker solicited three quotes for the projects and they came in as follows: Metzinger Construction for \$3,250.00 and \$2,200.00, respectively; Miller Outdoor responded via text only at \$3,750.00 for each location; and, there was no response from Manning Concrete. Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve the quotes from Metzinger Construction for \$3,250.00 and \$2,200.00. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and it carried unanimously.

**SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT** – Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve the following invoices: Commonwealth Engineering Inv #63500 in the amount of \$19,626.74; Cornerstone Grants Inv #2023.06-5 in the amount of \$8,000.00; and, Cornerstone Grants Inv #2023.06-6 in the amount of \$8,000.00. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it carried with a unanimous vote.

**PARK** – Billy Walker stated that we will soon be getting six more park benches and two trash receptacles. Melinda Jobe expressed her appreciation to Metzinger Construction for donating the concrete pads the benches are sitting on. Billy stated that at some point the goal is to develop the kiddie park area with picnic tables, benches, and eventually a fence around that area.

**UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT** – Billy Walker provided the Town Council with a written report. He reported that Steve Reeve called him to inquire about closing E. Madison St. between Hwy 421 and Ohio St. for an even on August 16<sup>th</sup>. He advised him to come to the August meeting for council approval. Billy stated that the water tower inspection report recommends having the exterior cleaned. He said that the last time it was cleaned was 2019 and that he would get bids. Billy said that the next cleaning would be inside and outside. Melinda Jobe extended her condolences to him about the passing of his stepmom and thanked him for only taking one paid bereavement day when he was entitled to three paid days.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Brendon Bright reported since the last meeting that there were 22 calls for service including: four ordinance violation warnings, one misdemeanor warrant arrest, one felony warrant arrest, and nineteen traffic stops of which there were sixteen warnings and four infractions. He reported no incidents occurred during Kirk's Crossing.

**CLERK-TREASURER** – Tara Walker provided the following reports to the town council prior to the meeting for month ending June 30, 2025: Revenue, Appropriations, Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register, and the Monthly Statement of Reconciled Accounts; and the Accounts Payable Register ending July 10, 2025. Seeing no questions, the town council signed the Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register and the Accounts Payable Register. Melinda Jobe also signed the Statement of Reconciled Accounts and reviewed and signed the bank statements prior to the meeting. **Invoices:** The following invoices were received after the APV Register was printed and Brent Stetler made a motion to approve Water Solutions Unlimited Inv #7129641 in the amount of \$1,104.81; and, Utility Supply Company Inv #1527531 in the amount of \$653.12. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously. **Misc:** Tara informed the town council of free town board training by RCAP at town hall on July 21 and July 28, 2025. She also reminded them to be aware of all the new legislation. She stated that Delta Dental increased \$13.32 for the town's portion for the year and that exact medical insurance costs were not available until August. She stated that Amy Miller from Cornerstone Grants had not submitted the storm water planning grant application yet but that Amy said she was committed to submitting it in the August round. Billy took photos of the last flooding event that will be included.

**LEAK ADJUSTMENTS** – Walt Minnick made a motion to approve the following leak and pool adjustments: Tikkun Olam, \$190.18 (one month only); Jesse Stinnett, \$117.35; James & Kimberly Quick, \$30.31; and, Myong Summers, \$105.06. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and it carried unanimously.

**METERS** – The council and town attorney discussed the matter of buildings that have multiple units of businesses and apartments being on only one water meter. Jay Moore suggested the minimum be based on the number of separate users. Jerry Faucett questioned whether the meters should be considered commercial instead of residential. Tara Walker stated we have ordinances in our code of 51.12 Multiple Use of Single Meter in addition to 50.04 Water Meter pertaining to the subject. Craig Hudzinski stated that someone should have said something ten to fifteen years ago when the buildings were renovated to have separate meters. Melinda Jobe stated that she was here then and, when they were talking about renovating, they weren't talking

about apartments at the time. Billy Walker stated that when the town did the water project in 2019, he approached Chip and Dan about setting multiple meter setters for multiple units and they were for it. Billy had the contractors install separate setters for every unit that was separate at that time with the understanding that they would split each business and apartment to have their own meter but that the town did their part but they didn't do theirs. He said more units have been added since then. He stated that people in apartments who don't pay their water bill can't be shut off because they are connected to a business. Tara Walker stated that, while she doesn't want to cost anyone money, her concern is fairness to the rest of the residents who do get shut off. Craig Hudzinski said that somehow they need to split them. Craig stated that he has not spoken to anyone but if it gets pushed he can see there being lawyers and litigation. He believes everyone should be metered separately but that it should be grandfathered in. Tara asked Billy if there is a way to put multiple shut offs on one line to prevent them from having to spend a lot of money. Billy replied by explaining a manifold system to tie in multiple shut offs and that the building owner would plumb in lines to where they need to go. Craig stated that each unit should have at least a minimum bill. Melinda asked Jay if they should contact the building owners as the next step. Jay said we could see what they think and get their input. Jay says he understands the town is losing revenue that they shouldn't be. Tara stated that it has been in the code for awhile. Craig stated that it has gone on for so long that the town and the owners should share in the expense 50/50. Craig said it should have been addressed way before now and somewhere along the line, someone let them get away with it. Melinda will reach out to the building owners.

Seeing no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Melinda Jobe, Town Council President

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