

The Year-end Meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Kirklin Town Hall.

Council Members present were: Walt Minnick, Melinda Jobe, and Jennifer Bowman were physically present and Brent Stetler and Jerry Faucett were present by phone.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** – The Council Meeting Minutes from regular meeting held on December 14, 2020 were approved as written.

**COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT** – Walt Minnick signed the grant agreement for the recently awarded Community Crossings Grant.

**ANNEXED PROPERTY OWNERS** – Jay Moore presented letters to be sent to the remaining property owners who have not tapped on to town services. He explained that our ordinance states that the town can calculate a charge for the sewer portion when the amount of usage cannot be determined, and the charges should be retroactive to when the customer hooked on to the town sewer. The state considers the average usage to be 4,000 per month. Jay thinks this is a good guideline and should be used for sewer billing since there is no way to determine the number of gallons used for one of the property owners. Jay explained the legal process and that there are provisions in the law that could allow a fine to be imposed as well as damages for loss of revenue to the town. The Town Council was in favor of sending the letters as written.

**UNSAFE BUILDING** – Jay Moore said that he had received a call from Randy Weaver who owns the property on E. Madison Street that was discussed at the prior meeting. Randy said that he realizes that the building is bad and will get it taken care of. He does not want to see anyone get hurt. Jerry Faucett said that they have already been working on it.

**ENCUMBRANCE FUNDS** – After reviewing the list of encumbrances for the year 2020, a motion was made by Melinda Jobe to adopt Encumbrance Resolution #2020-12-4. Walt Minnick supported the motion, and it was carried with a unanimous vote.

**2021 SALARY ORDINANCE** – The Council discussed employee wages. The Council discussed what raises to give employees for 2021. Most Council Members were in favor of giving all “non-elected” employees raises, but there was discussion concerning the Utility Supt. position. Jerry Faucett was not in favor of giving him a raise due to Jerry recalling, that a few years ago, Billy said if the town would enroll in PERF, he would forgo any and all raises. Billy said that he only meant for that particular year and the year after, not forever. Melinda Jobe read the proposed Salary Ordinance out loud. A motion was made by Melinda Jobe to adopt Salary Ordinance #2020-12-5. The motion was supported by Jennifer Bowman and carried with the following vote: Walt Minnick-Yes, Melinda Jobe-Yes, Jennifer Bowman-Yes, Brent Stetler-Yes, Jerry Faucett-No.

**YEAR-END REGISTER OF CLAIMS** – The Council reviewed the final Register of Claims for 2020, and the monthly Statement of Accounts for month ending November 30, 2020. Seeing no questions or concerns, Walt Minnick signed the Monthly Statement of Accounts Register and all Council Members signed the Register of Claims. Brent Stetler and Jerry Faucett will sign when they are able to come into the office in person.

**BROWNING DAY INVOICE** – After review of the invoice, Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve paying the Browning Day invoice in the amount of \$1,960.03 subject to the OCRA Release of Funds. The motion was supported by Walt Minnick and carried with a unanimous vote.

**SANTA CLAUS DÉCOR** – Mary King reported that she had received a call earlier in the day inquiring if the town would be interested in selling the Santa Claus that hangs on Town Hall. Jennifer Bowman was somewhat interested in selling, but the rest of the Council was not in favor of selling it.

**BURNING ISSUE** – Brendon Bright reported that he had spoken with Brent Metzinger. He said that Brent was aware of the problem. Brendon said that he had wanted to speak with Brent as a starting point.

**WATER TESTING RESULTS** – Billy reported that he has received the results of the water test. He reported that there was a good amount of improvement by flushing the hydrants, but we are still above the long-running average. Billy will submit another sample for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021. Billy continues to consult with IDEM and Darren Wells to determine the next steps.

**KIRKLIN CHATTER** – Jennifer Bowman gave kudos to Chris, the person that runs the Kirklin Chatter FB page. She has invited him to attend a Town Council Meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** - Seeing no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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