

The Regular Meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00PM at Kirklin Town Hall.

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

Also present were Amy Miller, Kurt Foster, Juli Foster, Billy Waker, Brendon Bright, Jay Moore, and Mary King.

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

MINUTES – The Minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC HEARING - OCRA GRANT FOR WASTEWATER PROJECT – Melinda Jobe turned the meeting over to Amy Miller with Cornerstone Grants Management. Amy explained that the town intends to apply for a \$700,000.00 grant through the Office of Community & Rural Affairs (CDBG funds), and that the total cost of the project is \$5,384,000.00. She said that the balance of the project would be funded with an SRF loan. She explained that it is a very competitive grant process and that if the town is not funded in this round, we can apply again in the next round. Amy explained the scoring process and how the town can score extra points. The grant application is due June 30th and the awards will be made in August. Amy said that one area that would really help our score is community support. We need letters of support from town residents, as well as any letters to support the need for the sewer project, such as sewer back-ups, etc. The town can accept letters until the last week of June. Juli and Kurt Foster attended the meeting to express concerns about the water that ponds at the sidewalk at their home, and to gain information about the sewer project and the grant the town is applying for. Jerry Faucett said that there might be something that can be done, and we can take a look at the issue. There were no further questions or comments, and the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was adjourned.

WASTEWATER PROJECT – Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve the following invoices related to the wastewater project: Commonwealth Engineers for Asset Management Plan invoice #55913 in the amount of \$5,250.00 & invoice #56132 in the amount of \$3,500.00, also Therber Brock invoice in the amount of \$13,000.00. The motion was supported by Jennifer Bowman and carried with a unanimous vote.

DRAINAGE BOARD – Jerry Faucett reported that he had called the State House again concerning the unsafe conditions along Hwy #38 west of town. He also reported a hole on Hwy #421 at the corner of Washington Street. The homeowner contacted INDOT and they came out and put up cones around it, but said that it may be the responsibility of the Town of Kirklin. Jerry showed the picture that he had taken. Jerry also expressed concerns about a hole south of the Post Office Parking lot. Billy Walker was unaware of either of the issues.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT – Billy provided the Council with a written report prior to the meeting and did not have anything to add to it.

MARSHAL DEPARTMENT – Brendon Bright reported that Justin Brewer was sworn in on June 6th. Brendon has picked the Explorer up from Bartley's due to there being no work done on the vehicle. He has spoken with Move Over Outfitters and they can outfit the vehicle for \$13,857.76. Melinda noted that part of the new price included additional lights that were not included with Bartley's bid. A motion was made by Melinda Jobe to approve the estimate from Move Over Outfitters in the amount of \$13,857.76. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and carried with a unanimous vote. Brendon explained that Nick Light had gone to local merchants and asked for donations to purchase two AED's, one for each police car. He received enough money to purchase both AED's and Kenny from the gas station has agreed to purchase one to donate as well. Brendon said that we would have one installed at Town Hall since we would have three. Mary King reported that we would need to hold an Additional Appropriation Hearing at the next meeting to cover the additional fees to outfit the Explorer, and also to cover the purchase of the defibrillators.

POOL FILL ADJUSTMENTS – A motion was made by Melinda Jobe to approve the following pool fill adjustments for sewer charges only: Raymond Harvey \$164.53, Jerry Faucett \$51.76, Jeff Grodotzke \$102.98, Delores McDaniel \$97.70, Clinton Poole \$31.99. the motion was supported by Jennifer Bowman and carried with a unanimous vote.

CLERK-TREASURER – Mary King provided the Town Council with the following reports prior to the meeting: Revenue, Appropriations, Statement of Reconciled Accounts, Register of Claims, Adjustments Register for month ending May 31, 2023. The Register of Claims and Adjustment Register were signed by all Council Members present. Monthly Reconciled Bank Statements were reviewed and signed by the Town Council President.

PAVING CONTRACT INVOICE – A motion was made by Melinda Jobe to approve the payment of \$88,964.78 to Baumgartner Asphalt Services. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and carried with a unanimous vote.

DEPRECIATION TRANSFER ISSUES – Mary King reported that she contacted Steve Brock concerning the depreciation transfers and he said that we are not violating our Bond Ordinance by not being able to make transfers. He said that it is always best to be able to make the transfers though.

2024 BUDGET – Mary King requested that the Council, as well as department heads, be thinking about needs for the 2024 Budget in the next couple of weeks.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2023-6-1 - Mary King read Salary Ordinance #2023-6-1 out loud. Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance Amendment #2023-6-1. The motion was supported by Jennifer Bowman and carried with a unanimous vote.

BUMP-OUTS – Melinda Jobe gave an update on the bump-out plants/flowers. She said that one company backed out on maintaining a bump-out. Shelley Miller and her husband (owners of the Antique Cellar) were able to get fill dirt and mulch donated for the project and volunteer hours were spent preparing and planting one bump-out on Main Street as well as small bump-outs on Madison Street. Fill dirt was also added to other bump-outs on Main Street for other sponsors. Total supplies for the project were \$1,102.68. Melinda asked the Council if they would be willing to reimburse Shelley for \$700.00 of the supplies using MVH funds. A motion was made by Melinda Jobe to reimburse Shelley Miller \$700.00 for supplies purchased. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and carried with a unanimous vote. Mary King said that she had seen the many volunteer hours put in by Shelley and her husband and Jennifer Bowman had as well. Jennifer provided food and drinks for them. Mary King also recognized Melinda for her hard work on the project as well. The Council discussed how it was working with having businesses take care of the large flowerpots on Main Street. Mary King reported that the town's flowerpot cost approximately \$70.00 to fill, with a few flowers left over to put in a small pot on Main Street beside Jaden's memorial bench. Jennifer Bowman suggested that we ask each merchant to donate a flat amount and the town purchase the flowers to keep them all the same.

COUNCIL MEMBERS – Melinda asked on behalf of Brianna Thomas, Kirklin Main Street - Events Coordinator for permission to extend the street closing on event days to one full block on W. Madison Street to accommodate more vendors. Billy Walker said that the only problem that he could see would be with the residents west of the Farmers Bank. Steet parking is the only parking that they have. Melinda said that they would be sure that someone speaks with them. **MONON TRAIL UPDATE** - Melinda Jobe reported that KMS has requested, and the county has agreed to give them \$60,000.00 towards the Monon Trail project. The Community Foundation will donate \$40,000.00. The town has contributed \$10,000.00 to the survey in town. KMS is requesting that the town budget additional funds in the 2024 Budget. They initially asked for the town to contribute a total of \$30,000.00 to the project. Melinda will find out for sure how much the request will be before we work on the new Budget. **BURNED HOME AT 309 E. JEFFERSON STREET** – Jennifer Bowman said that the last she heard, the granddaughter of the homeowner said they were still waiting for a response from the insurance company. Jay Moore will look into the property and any liens, etc that may be filed against it, and may send a letter based on what he finds out. **DOG ISSUE** – Jerry Faucett explained an issue that he had recently where he was woken up at

4:00AM one morning by 10 dogs that had gotten into his fenced yard with his dogs and were fighting with them. Jerry was very frustrated with the response he received from Clinton County Dispatch. He was told that they had more “sensitive things to do”. There also seemed to be problems with their phone lines at the Sheriff’s Office as well. They ended up finally sending a Deputy and Animal Control out around 6:00 AM. Jerry is very frustrated with Animal Control and wanted to know what could be done to improve their service. Brendon Bright thinks that what needs to be done is for county and town officials to come together and find a solution. Jay Moore thinks a solution is to ask Clinton County Officials to address the issues with the Animal Control Department. Brendon volunteered to talk with someone at the Courthouse about the issue.

Seeing no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM

Melinda Jobe