

The regular meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm at Kirklin Town Hall.

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

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

Also present were Jay Moore, Sherry Stowers, Bill Brock, Darrin Lafferty, Dennis Tillman, Mitsy McAninch, Kortney Jobe, Lisa Gardner, Roger McClain, John Grice, Kim Deck, Billy Walker, Tara Walker, and Mary King.

MINUTES – Seeing no additions or corrections, the Minutes from September 12, 2022, were approved as read.

BUDGET ADOPTION – Mary King said that the Public Hearing had been held last month concerning the proposed 2023 Budget and the formal adoption would occur tonight. A motion was made by Brent Stetler to approve the 2023 Budget Adoption Ordinance #2022-10-1. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and carried with a unanimous vote.

PROPOSAL FROM BRIDGE BOARD – Sherry Stowers and Bill Brock with the Bridge Board were in attendance to present a proposal to the Council. They explained that they have looked at several options for the location of a new facility but feel that leasing the building at the town park could be a good fit for both the Bridge Youth Center and the town. They would be willing to install insulation, heating/air conditioning, and eventually a kitchen to the existing building. They provided a list of items of what they would want, as well as a list of what they are willing to provide. Jennifer Bowman has reviewed the proposal and feels like it would be a win/win situation for all involved and would be in favor of it. Jay Moore said that after reviewing the ordinance that established the Park Board, he feels like any agreement would need to include the Park Board. Jennifer Bowman questioned if the town should continue to have a Park Board. Jay said that he has not seen a statute that would allow eliminating the Park Board, and that this proposal will need to be presented to the Park Board. Jennifer Bowman thinks that it would be a good idea to bring the issue to the Park Board for their approval. The Council agreed to schedule a meeting on October 24, 2022, at 7:00 pm to discuss the issue with the Park Board. Since there is currently a vacancy on the Park Board and will be another by the end of the year, a Bridge Board Member may be willing to serve on the Park Board. Sherry Stowers noted that if an agreement were reached, the Bridge would be bringing cameras and WIFI. They would also be willing to pay for additional kilowatt hours used since they will have heating and air conditioning.

TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATE – Lisa Gardner was present to introduce herself and said that she is running for Town Council, and she would be happy to help with any issues town residents might be having.

WASTEWATER PROJECT – The draft PER has been available since the last Town Council Meeting and some Council Members have reviewed the document. Melinda Jobe had a question from the PER about removing the ponds at the WWTP. Billy Walker said that part of the plan would be to enlarge the two ponds and get rid of the reeds. The drying beds would remain the same. After review of invoices for Commonwealth Engineers, a motion was made by Brent Stetler to approve the payment of invoices in the amount of \$8,000.00 for Study & Report and \$41,400.00 for Smoke Testing, Manhole Inspections, and Summary Report. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and carried with a unanimous vote.

PARK/RECREATION BOARD – Darrin Lafferty explained that the Township Board has agreed to give \$8,000.00 for the Kirklin park court revitalization project. The Kirklin Township Board's Attorney created an Interlocal Agreement. After review by Jay Moore and Mary King changes were made to the agreement. Township Board Members, John Grice and Roger McClain approved of the changes and the contract was signed with the exception of the Park Board and the Auditor. Once they have signed, and the agreement is filed with the appropriate entities, the township will issue a check for \$8,000.00. Darrin explained that the township has the funds in the budget for this year to help

with the project, but that they are being very tight with their funds due to plans to purchase a new firetruck. A motion was made by Jennifer Bowman to sign the Interlocal Agreement to accept \$8,000.00 from Kirklin Township. The motion was supported by Walt Minnick and carried with a unanimous vote.

STORMWATER UTILITY BOARD – Jerry Faucett reported that he has not received any cooperation from the state or the county concerning the issue west of town. Jay Moore said that he had attempted to speak with Dan Sheets, but he wasn't in at the time. Jay will try to reach out to him again. Jerry spoke with Johnny Price who lives near the bridge on Hwy. #38. He said that Marvin Henry knows about the drainage out there and that he has dug up the one in his front yard that had a Kirklin lid on it. It was full of bricks at one time. Johnny Price said that the line goes under the south side of the road and flows in to Kirklin. Jerry said that the tile is broke down in different places, but not past the town limits sign. The town has been unable to find any maps. Jay said that he would have thought that the natural drainage would have taken water away from the town. Jerry said that there are multiple places where the line tee's and goes into the field. Jerry has asked Jeremy to dump gravel to make it safe, but no one has done anything except for the sate has put one barrel out. Jay said that the county might likely say that it isn't there drain, but maybe they would join with the town in writing a letter to the state. If the state determines that it's in their right-of-way, they might do something about it.

UTILITIES – Billy Walker provided a written report to the Town Council. Billy said that last month the Council had approved a bid by Dean's Tree Service to remove a tree near 207 E. Madison Street since they were the low bidder. Billy has been unable to get them to respond to text messages or phone calls. They have not provided the required W-9 or COI. Baber's Tree Service was the only other bid, and it was for \$2,800.00. A motion was made by Jennifer Bowman to move the awarding bid to Baber's for \$2,800.00. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and carried with a unanimous vote. Billy said that the drainage project is still not complete between W. Monroe and W. Adams Street because he is waiting on bids from companies that can bore a 6" line. The company he typically uses cannot bore that size of a line.

MARSHAL DEPARTMENT – Dennis Tillman filled in for Brendon Bright and reported that the town truck will be going out for service on the 17th. Dennis also reported that there has been a problem with people putting things on social media that have turned out to be false. Once the person finds out that what they said is not true, they are not going back on social media to include that information. He recommends that the communication be, "has a police report been filed?". Mary King reported that recently there had been an issue on social media concerning trash pick-up too. This led to some residents thinking that there had been changes made to services that they had not been told about. Dennis also reported that dog noise has been an issue lately. He said that he has given a couple of warnings and next month he will be moving to the next stage. Melinda Jobe thanked the Police Department for the coverage at the festival on Saturday.

CLERK-TREASURER - Revenue & Appropriation Reports for September 30, 2022, Billing Adjustment Register for month ending September 30, 2022, Current Register of Claims, Statement of Reconciled Accounts for month ending September 30, 2022, w/ Fund Report, given to the Town Council prior to the meeting for review. The Billing Adjustment Register and Current Register of Claims were signed by all Council Members. Melinda Jobe reviewed the bank statements and signed all statements and the Statement of Reconciled Accounts.

Seeing no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Melinda Jobe, Council President