

A regular meeting and of the Kirklin Town Council and two public hearings were held on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00p.m. at Kirklin Town Hall while being simultaneously livestreamed at 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, Patricia Isenhour, Brendon Bright, Jim Quick, Jay Moore, Kat Bell, Dan Carlisle, Tina Hudzinski, Heidi Turner, Sandy Dixon, Colten Mennen, Joel Bundscho, Mona Combs, Stephen Reeve, Mindy Schieman, and Abbie Stancato.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - Melinda Jobe opened the public hearing regarding the intention of the Town to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for a planning grant from the State Community Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grant program. The total amount of funds to be requested from CDBG is \$59,616.00 with the town to expend an estimated \$5,384.00 in non-CDBG funds. The funds would be used for a study of the town's stormwater and water utility systems. Melinda opened the floor to questions or comments from the audience. Dan Carlisle stated that he lost his garden this year due to flooding. There were no other questions or comments. **RESOLUTION #2025-8-1** - Brent Stetler made a motion to pass Res #2025-8-1 "A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Kirklin, Indiana, Authorizing the Submittal of the PL Grant Application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Addressing Related Matters". The motion was supported by Walt Minnick and it carried with a unanimous vote. The hearing was closed by Melinda at 7:09pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – Melinda Jobe opened the public hearing and read Additional Appropriation Resolution #2025-8-3 for the Park Donations Fund #2503 in the amount of \$5,000.00. The fund collects donations for park benches and equipment. Walt Minnick made a motion to approve Res #2025-8-3. Jerry Faucett seconded and it passed with a unanimous vote. Seeing no questions or comments, the hearing was closed at 7:13pm.

MINUTES – Walt Minnick made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the Town Council Meeting held on July 14, 2025. Jerry Faucett seconded and it passed unanimously.

STEVE REEVE – Steve was in attendance to request permission from the council to block off E. Madison St. from Hwy 421 to Ohio St. on August 16, 2025 to allow for a benefit ride for John Russell. He stated that they were expecting upwards of 200 motorcycles, Jeeps and more and that it wouldn't start until around 5:30pm or 6:00pm. They were given permission to block off the street using barricades instead of cones for safety reasons.

FREE LITTLE LIBRARY – Joel Budscho would like to put a Free Little Library in town. He prefers on Main Street near the alumni bench. He responsible for building, registering, and keeping it full of books. The council agreed and Melinda Jobe recommended he speak with the bank.

MVH BUDGET REDUCTION – Brent Stetler made a motion to approve Res. #2025-8-2, reducing the 2025 Budget for the following funds: Unrestricted MVH/Street Repairs & Maintenance Approp. #2201001362.000 in the amount of \$30,000.00; and, Restricted MVH/Street Maintenance Approp. #2203001431.013 in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be available for appropriation in the 2026 budget. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously.

REZONE REQUEST – The town council considered the second reading of Ord. #2025-7-1 regarding rezone request 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. Walt Minnick made a motion to approve Ord. #2025-7-1, reading by title only. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it passed with the following vote: Jerry Faucett, yes; Walt Minnick, yes; Melinda Jobe, yes; Craig Hudzinski, yes; and, Brent Stetler, abstained. Melinda Jobe had concerns about what the building would look like. Mindy Schieman stated that the color doesn't have to be brown and they could match the other buildings in town. Walt stated that he doesn't want to see a metal building and Mindy responded that they could make the front board and batten and the rest would be like the fire station. Walt stated that it was unacceptable. Jay Moore told Walt that the ordinance states that they have to bring a plan that is acceptable to the council. The council allowed Heidi Turner, who was not on the agenda, to express her concerns regarding children crossing the street, the increased traffic it would cause, the lighting at that corner, the look of the proposed building, and that the fire department uses that parking lot. She does not want to see a strip mall and liquor store there. Melinda Jobe stated that the council is also concerned about the intersection but at this time INDOT won't do anything about it. Craig Hudzinski stated that the property for sale was brought to the fire department but is being purchased by someone that is going to do something that some people don't agree on.

SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT – Brent Stetler made a motion to approve the following: Pay App #4, Insituform Technologies for \$171,248.86; and, Pay App #5, Insituform Technologies, for \$29,868.67. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously. Brent Stetler made a motion to approve Commonwealth Engineering Inv #63756 in the amount of \$17,584.09. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously.

PARK – Billy Walker stated that six more benches and two trash receptacles were installed at the park. He stated that we are now working on getting more trash receptacles. He informed the council that we have received donations to help us develop the kiddie park area. He is meeting with some park equipment companies soon for quotes. He is also going to meet with some fence companies for quotes to replace the backstops at the ball fields and that we also have, and will continue to collect, donations for that project as well. Billy stated that if someone donates the full cost of a bench or trash can, the town will put a donation plaque on them. Melinda Jobe stated that she thinks the benches would also look good downtown. Brent Stetler asked how many trash cans we need for the park. Billy responded we need about eight but we already have two.

STORMWATER – Melinda Jobe stated that the council recently had some council training with RCAP which included a discussion about storm water rates and the towns' needs. The town council discussed raising the storm water rate. Melinda would like to see it include an automatic increase like the water ordinance. Billy stated there are several places that need work but that we don't have enough in the storm water fund. Craig Hudzinski asked if there are grants available. Billy responded yes, but that the town has to have a match for them. Craig stated that he agrees that there isn't enough in the fund to do much.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT – Billy Walker provided the Town Council with a written report. He informed the council that there is a cone at US 421 and Clay St. due to a stormwater structure that is collapsing and there is a pothole next to it. He sent photos to INDOT, who's responsibility they are, but has not heard anything back. He also stated that he spoke with County

Commissioner Jordan Brewer regarding getting W. Kirk St. and E. Jefferson St. in town inventory so that we can maintain them. He is waiting to hear from the county superintendent on that.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Brendon Bright reported since the last meeting that there were 25 calls for service. Of those, they issued 8 ordinance warnings, had 1 felony arrest, and had 21 traffic stops with 20 warnings and 2 infractions written. He stated that they updated the AED pads to both vehicles and the one at town hall.

CLERK-TREASURER – Tara Walker provided the following reports to the town council prior to the meeting for month ending July 30, 2025: Revenue, Appropriations, Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register, and the Monthly Statement of Reconciled Accounts; and the Accounts Payable Register ending August 7, 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.

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS – Brent Stetler made a motion to approve a leak adjustment for Luke Wethington in the amount of \$51.72. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously.

309 E JEFFERSON ST – Melinda Jobe asked Jay if he ever heard back from anyone regarding the property. Jay responded that he hadn't and that the next step would be to go to court. Jay stated that he can reach out to them once more with a letter.

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

Melinda Jobe, Town Council President

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