

A public hearing and regular meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:00p.m. at Kirklin Town Hall.

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

Also present were Billy Walker, Brendon Bright, Jay Moore, Sharon Alexander, Dan Carlisle, Garrett Owens, Sandra Price, Jim Phipps, Jerry Pendygraft, Bobbie Jo Pendygraft, LuAnn Schoen, Anne Kotula, Nicki Atherton, Jeremy Burton, Aaron Kyle McKenzie, Matt Kelley, Dave Lafferty, Kimberly Duff, Jody Padgett, Linda Jobe, Valerie Pearson, Paige Owens, Steven Shock, and Tara Walker.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Melinda Jobe opened the public hearing and read Additional Appropriation Resolution #2025-5-2 for the Park Donations Fund #2503 in the amount of \$5,000.00. Tara Walker explained that because the fund was created after the annual budget, it requires permission from the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) to spend from it. The fund was created to collect donations for park benches and equipment. Brent Stetler made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-5-2. Walt Minnick seconded and it passed with a unanimous vote.

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

COMCAST – Garrett Owens posed questions to the Comcast representatives present. Kyle McKenzie explained what a drop is and the reason for so many pedestals. He said that a vault is used when there is just a coil but that electronics are not able to go underground, because, while they are water rated, eventually water will soak into them and cause service degradation. Jeremy Burton stated that they installed standard pedestals in Kirklin like they do in other communities, that they “absolutely cannot put the equipment underground” and “that it goes against every good standard practice in our industry”. He added that it is a “nonstarter for Comcast”. He announced that they will be replacing the taller pedestals with smaller ones and that a portion would be underground and only 12” aboveground. Brent Stetler stated he saw some small pedestals and that he didn’t have a problem with it. Kyle said that they don’t want to underground trespass to bore across someone’s yard to get to the person(s) past them and that it’s not good business. Matt said they can replace almost 90% of the pedestals already installed. Garrett stated his challenge in receiving a formal response from Comcast. Jeremy replied that, because of their FCC complaint, their attorneys do not want them to communicate with the filer. Melinda Jobe stated that the Resolution on the agenda does not line up with what Comcast is doing now so it was not brought forward by the council. Melinda would like the town to have an ordinance regarding right of way standards for the future and Jay Moore said that he needs to do some legal research on it. Nikki Atherton stated that Duke did not approve them for the poles. Garrett asked if the resolution that was on the agenda could be read aloud. Jay Moore stated that it is up to the council since there was no motion to bring it forward. Craig Hudzinski read a sentence from it and wanted to know if someone were to request an underground vault, and water were to infiltrate it, who it would affect. Kyle responded that it would affect everyone downstream of it, and not just the person’s house the vault is in front of. Craig asked what the fix would be. Kyle responded that they have to take the enclosure out, open it, drain it out, and that sometimes it requires resplicing, which takes a couple of hours, and in the meantime, everyone from that house down will be without service. Melinda stated that she is hearing repeat questions. Craig stated that he sees

both sides. He stated just because someone doesn't like, it could mess up someone else's service that is paying for it and he understands that part. Nikki stated that the pedestals can be painted and put landscape within 3' of them but not damage them as they would be liable. Walt Minnick He stated that he understands the need for the pedestals to protect residents' and their neighbors' service but that it would have been easier on everyone if they would have known up front. Kyle responded that he was correct and that it falls on him. Craig stated that when Comcast first came, nothing was said about multiple pedestals but that they were going to use a lot of the alley accesses and have some underground. He felt it kind of got slid in. Brent stated that 3 out of 4 meetings, Comcast has shown up and that he appreciated that. Jerry Faucett stated that there was a recent tornado go went through east of us and all power was wiped out but Comcast's stuff was still working for the whole town. Melinda stated that she has a pedestal at her home on N Main St and that she is happy with the smaller one.

601 E JEFFERSON ST – Jerry Pendygraft reported that the issue with the fence located at 601 E Jefferson St has been mostly fixed. They wanted to thank the council for getting it taken care of and to give them an update. Bobbie Jo Pendygraft stated Billy came by and told her he would take care of the front yard.

116 S MAIN ST – The town council is awaiting a response from Dennis Hollingsworth regarding the letter mailed to him by Jay Moore pertaining to the condition of the building.

SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT – Brent Stetler made a motion to approve the following invoices: Commonwealth Engineers, \$14,946.99; Insituform Pay App #3, \$239,229.21; and Cornerstone Grants Inv #2023.06-4, \$8,000.00. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried with a unanimous vote. **Change Order No. 1** – Melinda Jobe signed Insituform change order No. 1 prior to the meeting in the amount of \$44,794.20. The main purpose of the change is to install approximately 290 linear feet of 8" sanitary sewer at manhole (MH) 59 due to the poor condition of the existing pipe. The project will be completed by June 30, 2025.

PAVING PROJECT – The Community Crossing Matching Grant paving project has been completed. Craig Hudzinski made a motion to approve Baumgartner & Co Inv #240295-1 in the amount of \$75,354.60. The motion was supported by Walt Minnick and it carried unanimously. Asphalt patching was discovered to be needed in addition to the CCMG project. Craig Hudzinski made a motion to approve Baumgartner & Co Inv #24-0296 in the amount of \$1,242.00. The motion was supported by Walt Minnick and it carried unanimously.

PARK – Billy reported that one of the pickleball nets needs a cord repaired. Over half of the picnic tables have been repaired. SCRI has been utilizing the ball fields for their practices and have moved a storage building onto the property for their equipment. Brent Metzinger is donating the labor and materials to install the concrete pads for the benches. Someone has jammed the self-closing hinge on the men's bathroom door and now you have to manually push it shut.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT – Billy Walker provided the Town Council with a written report. On May 8, the 5-year inspection on the water tower was completed. There are three storm drains at N Perry and W Clay that will be replaced. Some structures may be eliminated or reconfigured. The tertiary clarifier has broken down at the sewer plant. The skimmer arm is hung up at the bottom and Maddox Industrial is coming in to repair it. Fluid Waste will clean it first in order for the work to be performed. He has been using millings from the paving project to do some repair work in alleys since it is cheaper than buying gravel.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Brendon Bright is checking to see if the prosecutor’s office will continue to pay the Axon invoice for the body and car cameras and tasers out of the deferral fund. The police department has served or mailed several letters about grass. They had 39 service calls. Of those, there were: 3 misdemeanor arrests; 2 warrant services; 22 ordinance violations, the majority being about grass and junk; and, 33 traffic stops of which 3 were misdemeanor arrests, 8 infractions, and 28 warnings. Brent Stetler stated that the semi that has been parked at Adams St. and 421 is creating a dangerous situation when trying to turn and would like to see it moved back a bit to prevent an accident. Brendon replied he would look into it.

CLERK-TREASURER – Tara Walker provided the following reports to the town council prior to the meeting for month ending April 30, 2025: Revenue, Appropriations, Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register, and the Monthly Statement of Reconciled Accounts; and the Accounts Payable Register ending May 8, 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 Accounts Payable Register was printed and Brent Stetler made a motion to approve: Lakeside Equipment Inv #906201, \$300.00; Dollar General Trans #1001371430, \$25.50, and Marion Chronicle Tribune Trans #303004790 and #303053315, \$69.81. The motion was supported by Walt Minnick and it carried unanimously. **Laptop:** Tara presented quotes from Dell Technologies using the state contract code. Brent Stetler made a motion to approve the purchase from Dell Technologies in the amount of \$1,445.59 to include Pro Support Plus. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried with a unanimous vote. **Locates:** Tara stated that she received a higher than normal invoice from IUPPS due to locates called in by Comcast. She called Comcast to request reimbursement for those locates attributed to them.

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS – Jerry Faucett made a motion to approve the following leak and pool adjustments: Kegan Walker, \$40.20; Joanne Lytton, \$136.30; Shane Kohl, \$39.46; and, Dolores McDaniel, \$159.80. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it carried unanimously.

MELINDA JOBE – Melinda submitted some suggested guidelines for future council meetings for members and attendees. She asked the council to look at them so they can discuss at a future date. She would like to be more professional, such as how Frankfort runs their meetings. Walt stated it was a good idea.

JERRY FAUCETT – Bob Lane gave him some things about the old Kirklin High School. A resident on N. Ohio St. wants to put up a building and would like the council’s blessing before going to the APC to get the permit. Melinda explained that they have to submit a letter or come to the council meeting to provide details.

Seeing no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Melinda Jobe, Town Council President