

A public hearing and a regular meeting of the Kirklin Town Council were held on Monday, November 10, 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: Melinda Jobe, Walt Minnick, Jerry Faucett, and Craig Hudzinski. Brent Stetler was absent.

Also present: Billy Walker, Jay Moore, Justin Brewer, Billy Walker, Bill Brock, Dave Harness, Sherry Stowers, Jim Phipps, Dan Carlisle, and Tara Walker.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - A public hearing was opened by Melinda Jobe regarding the Town's intent to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for a \$30,000.00 planning grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grant Program with a \$5,000.00 local match from stormwater funds. No public comments or questions were received and the hearing closed at 7:04pm.

RES #2025-11-1 – Resolution #2025-11-1, authorizing submission of the Planning Grant Application, was read aloud by Melinda Jobe. Walt Minnick made a motion to approve. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES – Jerry Faucett made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the Storm Water Board Public Hearing held on October 8, 2025; the Special Town Council Meeting and Public Hearing held on October 8, 2025; and the regular Town Council Meeting held on October 13, 2025. Craig Hudzinski seconded and it passed unanimously.

E JEFFERSON ST ANNEXATION – Melinda Jobe made a motion to read the second reading of Ord #2025-9-4 “An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to Town of Kirklin, Indiana, Placing the Same Within the Corporate Boundaries Thereof and Making the Same a Part of the Town of Kirklin, Indiana” by title only. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously. Jerry Faucett made a motion to adopt Ord #2025-9-4 on second and final reading. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it carried unanimously.

THE BRIDGE – Dave Harness reviewed the draft contract for the proposed Neighborhood Center that, if approved, is to be located at the existing location of the current building. Discussion included the proposed Town's contribution of up to \$30,000.00 toward electrical upgrades at the park, rental scheduling, nonprofit rental parameters, utility cost allocation, snow and trash removal, and potential site issues. The new building would be paid for by The Bridge but the Town would retain ownership. Dave went over sections that The Bridge would like to see changed and asked for clarity about some verbiage. He questioned the verbiage of the “up to” \$30,000 the Town Council plans to give towards the cost of the upgraded electrical at the park. Jay explained that the Town would pay only actual cost, not to exceed \$30,000.00. The Bridge would like to have possession of the site to possibly commence construction prior to the Kirk's Crossing Festival, without negatively affecting the event, and to have the ability to access beyond the park gates if given prior Town authorization. Discussion included renting to nonprofits at no cost to be limited to those located within Kirklin Township or Sugar Creek Township. Scheduling of the new Neighborhood Center would remain with the Town, who would also retain authority to determine if alcohol could be on, or sold on the property by another entity, as well as what types of uses of the Neighborhood Center would be prohibited. The discussion turned to utilities since the Duke Energy account is in the town's name, the manner in which they should be allocated, and the fairness of requiring The Bridge to pay utilities when other nonprofits rent Town Hall at no cost. Tara asked the council what fund was planned to take the proposed up to \$30,000 from towards the electrical. Melinda Jobe replied that she has not looked at it yet as she is waiting to see if it gets done first. Tara also advised the council that park rental income currently is receipted into the Park Fund, which already has limited resources, and that it will be receiving less if the rental income first has to pay for the cost of the yet-unknown cost of future electricity for the building. Craig mentioned that the rental cost should be determined based on what the event is, such as weddings. Bill Brock, treasurer of The Bridge, stated that he does not believe that The Bridge, as a non-profit organization, should be charged for utilities since other non-profit organizations would be able to rent at no cost. Craig questioned if it would increase the Town's property taxes. Tara replied that, as a municipality, the Town doesn't pay taxes, but it is unknown at this juncture how much a new building will increase the town's insurance. The Bridge will revise the draft contract for further discussions with the Town. Tara added that, since the 2026 Budget is already finished, an additional appropriation would be required for the fund the council would decide to use for their

portion that may be agreed upon. Jerry Faucett questioned if any probing of the ground had been done to which Bill responded possible issues may arrive at the west wall where the new building would extend four (4) feet beyond the existing footprint.

SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT – Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve Commonwealth Engineering Inv #64740 in the amount of \$2,391.76. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it carried unanimously.

PARK – Billy Walker reported that park winterization is underway and that the pickleball nets and supporting poles have been taken down as well as gates padlocked. Playground equipment delivery time is pending. Tara noted that some pieces have an estimated 10 – 12 week lead time.

SUPERINTENDENT – Billy Walker provided the council with written reports for October and November. In addition, he stated that the driver's seat in the 2013 truck was reupholstered by Mike Wallace and he was very pleased with his work. He said that additional items needed will be a new door panel and the rust dealt with as he'd like to keep the driving it as long as possible.

POLICE – Justin Brewer gave an update on Jay Rosen's recertification and that the repair to the spotlight on the police vehicle should be done over the weekend.

CLERK-TREASURER – Tara Walker provided the following reports to the town council prior to the meeting for month ending October 31, 2025: Revenue, Appropriations, Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register, and the Monthly Statement of Reconciled Accounts; and the Accounts Payable Register ending November 6, 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. **Year-End Meeting** – The year-end council meeting was scheduled for December 29, 2025 at 6:00pm. **Invoices** – Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve the following invoices that arrived after the APV Register was printed: Boyce Systems, \$666.30; Dollar General, \$26.20; Marion Chronicle Tribune, \$44.52; Witham, \$84.00; and, Menards for \$50.97 and \$16.44. The motion was seconded by Walt Minnick and it carried unanimously.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT – Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve leak adjustment applications for William Scott, Jr. in the amount of \$46.68 and Joanne Lytton in the amount of \$158.42 for the sewer portion only. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBERS – Jerry Faucett inquired if Billy had heard from Dan Sheets yet regarding stormwater and he has not. Tara Walker said that she would reach out to him to try to get a response. Melinda Jobe asked the council if they would like her to ask Bookers what availability they have on a week day for an employee Christmas dinner and they agreed.

Seeing no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Melinda Jobe, Town Council President

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