

A special called meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Kirklin Town Hall.

Council Members present were Walt Minnick, Melinda Jobe, & Brent Stetler. Jerry Faucett and Jennifer Bowman were absent.

Also, present were Brendon Bright, Billy Walker, and Mary King.

2022 BUDGET – Melinda Jobe would like to see the water tower property and some of the busy alleys be paved. Billy suggested having the alleys designated as one-way streets and naming them. This would allow us to add them to our inventory in the Asset Management Plan. The streets would then be eligible for funding through the Community Crossings Grant Program. Melinda would also like to install permanent speed signs to help slow traffic on the highway. Brendon thinks that a mobile unit might be a better option. He has been researching the different options and waiting to see how a couple of other towns in the county do with their newly installed speed signs. Brendon suggested that we might want to consider putting a charging station in town for electric cars. Billy would like to purchase a two-seater Gator with a dump-bed and snow-plow equipment. He estimates the cost to be \$10,000.00-\$11,000.00. Mary King would like to see the bad sections of sidewalk on highway #421 north replaced. The new Dollar General Store has created a lot more foot traffic that direction. Melinda Jobe mentioned that there are a lot of people who walk to the gas station on the south end also, and some of those sidewalks need replaced. The Council Members agreed that we should move forward with amending the CEDIT Ordinance to include sidewalks and use the \$25,000.00 appropriated for infrastructure on sidewalks this year. We could also include sidewalks in the CEDIT Budget for next year as well. Billy would like to see a fence installed around the basketball and tennis courts at the Town Park. He will see about getting estimates. Brendon would like to purchase car and body cameras for each officer. Along with that, he would need to have Cloud storage as well. He thinks there may be grants available to help with the costs but has not had time to check in to it yet. Brendon also needs a new radar. Brendon can get with Mary with cost estimates of the items he needs once he has estimates. It was decided to bump up the amount paid to KMS and for them to be responsible for care of the newly planted trees downtown. Melinda Jobe will check in to what Phillips, who currently takes care of the flowers downtown, will charge. Mary King suggested that the town enter into some type of agreement or MOU with KMS to be sure there are no misunderstandings later on since Council and volunteer Boards can change over time. There were a few line items in the 2021 Budget discussed that can be transferred or eliminated for next year. Mary King will work on the other line items and have a draft budget proposal for the July meeting.

TREE REMOVAL INVOICE - Mary King presented an invoice from Babers Tree Service in the amount of \$3,700.00 for the removal of two trees. The Council was not aware that any trees were being removed. The Council reiterated that going forward, unless it is an emergency, those types of expenses need to come before the Council for approval, prior to the work being done. A motion was made by Melinda Jobe to pay the invoice from Babers Tree Service in the amount of \$3,700.00. The motion was supported by Walt Minnick and carried with a unanimous vote.

STREETScape PROJECT SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION – Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve Walt Minnick signing the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Streetscape project. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Walt Minnick