

The regular meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 7:00PM at Kirklin Town Hall.

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

Also present were: Billy Walker, Brendon Bright, Alma Smith, Jerry Smith, Ed Smith, Bill Brock, Lee Thomas, Patty Quick, & Jay Moore.

The meeting was called to order by Walt Minnick.

MINUTES – There were no additions or corrections to the October 11, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes and they were approved as written.

TRASH RENEWAL BIDS – There was one trash bid received for the advertised town trash contract from Smith Trash Hauling. After a brief discussion between the Council and Ed Smith, Walt Minnick praised Smith Trash Hauling for their excellent service the town has experienced with them. Walt Minnick made a motion to accept the bid from Smith Trash Hauling for our refuse and garbage removal contract. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it passed with a unanimous vote. The bid includes the following weekly curbside pick-up: Regular \$11.00 per month and Senior Citizens \$9.50 per month. The day of pick-up will be on Mondays unless it is a recognized holiday for which it will be picked up the following day. Smith Trash Hauling will provide pick-up of the Town's containers at no additional charge. Additional language was included in the bid to participate in a curbside town cleanup day if they are requested to do so. The Saturday chosen would be mutually agreed upon between the Town and Smith Trash Hauling. The town-wide bid was for \$1800.00 for the first 10 tons of trash picked up. Thereafter, the Town shall pay \$60.00 per ton. No more than a maximum of 2 trucks would be utilized.

KIRKLIN WELCOME SIGNS – Lee Thomas was present to answer questions from the Council regarding the welcome signs coming into town. He provided two quotes at last month's meeting for a single-sided sign for \$1,113.78 vs a 2-sided framed sign for \$1,627.16. The single-sided sign coming in from the north would be the same as the existing south side sign whereas the double-sided one would be visible as travelers are entering and exiting the town. Brent Stetler stated that he would like to have a double-sided sign and Melinda Jobe said she would like to see the sign angled. Billy Walker said he would like to see a larger sign due to the fact that the one on the south side is a bit hard to read as it is. Jerry Faucett would like the Thorley's to see the proposed sign to get their opinion since they were gracious enough to donate the property where the sign will be placed to the Town. The sign can be the same style as the south end but he can do larger lettering if wanted. Lee stated that he can draw it out so that the Thorley's can be shown the proposed sign. When asked about a timeline, Lee stated due to cold weather coming, it will most likely be spring when he can get it finished. Brent Setler made a motion to accept the 2-sided sign bid of \$1,627.16, with the plan to show the Thorley's the design Lee provides in advance. The motion was supported by Walt Minnick and it passed with a unanimous vote.

REMOVAL OF FENCE – Bill Brock was in attendance to discuss his wish to remove the two sides of the fence that borders his property. The current fence surrounds the perimeter of the land the Town owns, which Well #2 sits on. There is currently a smaller fence surrounding Well #2. Billy Walker stated that there would be no issues for the well. Jerry Faucett would like to see the corner posts remain, with which Bill agreed. Bill stated he would also take the tree out that is near the park. Melinda Jobe made a motion to accept the removal of the fence by Bill Brock. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it passed with a unanimous vote.

EXTENSION OF SEWER LINE – Billy Walker stated that he has received a verbal agreement from Donna Weber to cross the property she owns at 421 E. Pike St. to allow the Curry's to tie in to the sewer. Billy has contacted Hause Surveying who can be out to survey the property either this month or in December. Billy stated he already has the materials for the project. There is a building owned by the Keller's but it is sitting on Donna Weber's property and Billy stated that he would be going behind the building going east. The proposed agreement would include compensation for the granting of the sanitary sewer easement by waiving one (1) years' water and sewer charges up to a maximum amount of \$800.00. Jay Moore stated that all three people listed as owners of the property on the document needed to sign it if possible. After discussion, Melinda Jobe made a motion for Billy Walker and the grantors to sign the Agreement to Grant Sanitary Sewer Easement for Donna Weber's property. The motion was supported by Jennifer Bowman and it passed with a unanimous vote.

PARK/RECREATION BOARD – Patti Quick reported that she has some paint to put into the town maintenance building. She stated that they had two t-shirt/sweatshirt fundraiser sales and they both went well. She did not have the amounts with her to report the profit. Patti also posed a question to Brendan Bright asking if it is possible to make the boys who damaged the paper towel holder at the park fix it or parents pay for it. She would like to see the children have to do something. Brendan responded he will follow up on the report that was made.

DRAINAGE ISSUES – Jerry Faucett stated that he noticed that the water near the alley by Gear Headz is going somewhere when it rains. Billy Walker responded that when there is a sizeable rain amount in a shorter period of time, it does sit there and takes awhile to go away. Jerry also noted that Mike Wallace has not been pumping out his basement and Billy responded that he has been pumping it out into the drain structure at the corner of Monroe and 421. Billy says it doesn't seem he is pumping as much as he used to. Billy stated that we have somewhere between 9 – 12" of drop to make the drain work over to Illinois St. and has the materials ordered for it. Jerry stated that should work. Jerry asked Billy where he "T'd" in for Mike Wallace, if it is below the ground or is up where he knows where it's at. Billy responded that he has a 2 x 4 and a red flag sticking up out of the ground at the end of the pipe. It is a 4" tap off a 6" line and approx. 2' deep. Jerry stated it should be easy enough for him to hook up to it but if he does it now, it could cause more problems over at Gear Headz. Billy explained that Mike Wallace is draining out in front of his building and that if it freezes, and there is a trip hazard, it should only affect someone going into his business. The

engineering firm that put the new sidewalks in was able to get a drain put in the sidewalk next to his building. It is going down the curb and gutter going south draining to the storm structure.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT – Water - The 3rd quarter TTHM/HAA5 sampling passed and we have been in compliance for the past 6 months, even under the Locational Running Annual Average so that is all fixed. Lead and copper testing has been completed and will be posted at town hall. We will do another one in 3 years. **Sewer** - Disinfection season is over and the UV system operated well this year but we will need to order new bulbs before it starts back up in April. **Streets** - He reported that we were approved for our Community Crossings Matching Grant and we should be able to pave in the timeframe of March – May when they open the plants back up. He stated that in the paving project they will be doing the approaches for the alleys about 12 ft in as well as the elevation on Madison St. so that it can drain properly. The street light at the intersection of Hwy 421/Hwy 38 is scheduled to be installed the week of November 22. He stated that INDOT is doing a project on Hwy 38 that starts in 2022 from town limits to town limits. He has met with INDOT's representative and their project engineer and had a conversation regarding the possibility of them repairing or replacing the storm structures in town that are state-maintained to get them all to grade. They also discussed putting a flashing, caution light at the intersection of Hwy 421/Hwy 38 with the possibility of going red when a button is pushed to cross the street. He does not know if any of this will be included in their project or not at this point. Otto Striping & Marking came today and completed the painting of the parking spots and curbs and gutters between Hwy 38 & Monroe St. **Storm** - Material has been ordered for the project at Gear Headz. **Misc.** - The scrap metal that we have accumulated over the last 2 major projects in town has been loaded up and we are just waiting for the check for it. Tires have been ordered for the town pick-up truck but have not come in yet. Jerry Faucett asked Billy if there's any way we could get a stop light at Hwy 38/Hwy 421. Billy responded it has been discussed many times but INDOT will not do it.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Brendon Bright reported that Jake Myers was released on Oct. 26 and will be on the schedule soon. Brendon and Brandon Garber will be attending state-mandated training on Nov. 20. Brendon and Brandon worked Halloween and reported no problems. The vehicles are running okay. He is still waiting for the parts for the recall on the backup camera. He will have the vehicles serviced in the next week or two. He did the law enforcement continuing education reimbursement from the county. We get \$4 per ticket and we are caught up through January 2020 and are current on that now. He stated it should be \$2-250. The money goes into a continuing education fund for them.

CLERK-TREASURER – Revenue & Appropriation Reports for October 31, 2021, Billing Adjustment Register for month ending October 31, 2021, Current Register of Claims, Statement of Reconciled Accounts for month ending October 31, 2021, W/ Fund Report were given to the Town Council for review. There were no questions or comments concerning the reports. The Billing Adjustment Register and Register of Claims were signed by all Council Members. Walt Minnick and Mary King signed the Statement of Reconciled Accounts Report.


IHCDA WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – Information was provided to the council regarding the program which is part of American Rescue Plan (ARP). It will assist low-income households in maintaining or re-connecting to drinking water and wastewater services. All funds from the program would be paid directly to the utility on behalf of the eligible household. Tara Walker stated that it will not cost the Town anything and we would not be the ones determining eligibility. After a brief discussion, while no vote was taken, it was determined to be okay with the council that we participate in it.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE – Information was given to the council before the meeting with health insurance options for 2022. Walt Minnick asked Billy and Tara how the current plan is working. Tara responded that while they haven't had to use it this year yet, when we have used it, it was good. Billy responded that while it's not as good as the previous policy, the current one is good enough. Tara explained that we currently have PPO RXE5 and pointed out that the main differences of the options, besides costs, are the deductible and the out-of-pocket maximum. After a brief discussion, Walt Minnick Made a motion to stay with the current plan we have and renew PPO 10 Rx E5. The motion was supported by Melinda Jobe and it carried with a unanimous vote.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST – Brent Stetler provided the council with some proposed rules for the Christmas Decorating Contest. Tara Walker stated that she will get it on the website. He proposes two winners this year (1 residential and 1 business), with the possibility of more next year if it proves popular. Two judges have been chosen who are not Kirklín residents. Participants must reside in the Town of Kirklín and residents need to register with the Town by Friday, December 3. Judging will be done the week of December 12 – 18 and indoor displays visible from the street will be included. Prizes will be items that can be donated from Kirklín businesses. After a brief discussion, there were no objections by any council members.

Minutes recorded by Tara Walker. Mary King was absent due to Clerk-Treasurer's school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.


Walt Minnick