

The regular meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, October 11, 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. Jennifer Bowman was absent.

Also present were: Billy Walker, Brendon Bright, John McIntyre, Patty Quick, & Jay Moore.

The meeting was called to order by Walt Minnick, and he led with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

BUDGET ADOPTION – There were no changes to the advertised 2022 Budget. A motion was made by Walt Minnick to adopt Ordinance #2021-10-1 approving the 2022 Budget. The motion was supported by Melinda Jobe and carried with a unanimous vote.

MINUTES – There were no additions or corrections and the September 13, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

LANDSCAPING – John McIntyre was in attendance to ask the Council to consider a proposal for maintenance of the landscape in the downtown. After discussion, the Town Council decided that they would put together a scope of work and put the project up for bid. The scope will include the maintenance, fertilization, and mulching of all the downtown area from Jefferson St. to Monroe and from Main Street to the alleys on both E. and W. Madison Streets. KMS takes care of the flowers so these would not be included. Patty Quick asked who is responsible for keeping the small rocks in the area around the trees. John said that he would be responsible if he is chosen for the job. The issue is tabled until a scope of work can be developed.

EXTENSION OF SEWER LINE – Billy Walker said that he had recently found out that there is a storm sewer easement that runs along the back side of the property owners on S. Pike Street. The bank was closed today, due to the holiday, but we will find out where the existing easements are and determine if it's possible to run the new sewer line in the easement.

PARK/RECREATION BOARD – Danielle Ritchie from the Recreation Board had asked to be placed on the Agenda for this meeting, but was not in attendance. Patty Quick said that she had thought that Danielle had wanted to discuss a grant that she has or may apply for. Patty thought the grant was to have a handicapped parking section put in near the ball diamonds. Patty also thought that Danielle had intended to ask the Council for permission to paint the dugouts. Part would be gold and part would be black. Patty reported that she and Crystal had a booth at the Octoberfest this past Saturday where they sold t-shirts, sweatshirts, ice cream, and desserts. Patty said that they have two trees to plant at the park. John McIntyre offered his assistance in helping plant the trees. Patty reported that Jerry Shore will help move the flagpole to the flowerbed.

DRAINAGE ISSUES – Billy said that he had spoken with Dan Sheets and their records still show a storm line running parallel to W. Adams St. but that no one knows where it goes. Billy plans to have the structure jetted, cleaned and televised. If the structure is good and the depth works, he plans to tie in at the alley on the south side of Adams St. Billy saw the map and it shows a structure on the south side of Gearheadz fence, but they have never found the line. Billy said that Dan is still working on his end.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT – The town received a release from the IDEM Agreed Order today. As the letter states, we still need to address the I&I in the system. Billy said that his plan is to use ARP money to smoke test throughout town and then consult with IDEM about the best way to approach fixing the problems. Ott's Parking Marking will be here on October 25th to repaint the parking spaces in the downtown area and to cover up the areas that no longer qualify as handicapped parking, the estimate is for \$867.00. Flyers will be distributed to those that will need to keep their vehicles off the street overnight. Billy would like the Council to consider fencing in the basketball/tennis court so that people can actually use it. Jerry Faucett suggested that Billy ask if Otto's does striping for basketball/tennis courts.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Brendon Bright gave an update on Jake Myers and his projected return to work on regular duty. They are still waiting on parts for the recall of the Ford truck. **SWAT Negotiator** – Mary King checked with Ryan Hartzler, the town's Insurance Agent. He said that as long as the Town Council approved Brendon to participate as a Negotiator and as long as he is being paid by the town while he was there, it would have no affect on the town's insurance rates. Melinda Jobe made a motion to allow Brendon Bright to participate on the SWAT as a

Crisis Negotiator. Walt Minnick supported the motion, and it was carried with a unanimous vote. Brendon said that he has received several compliments about how nice downtown Kirklin is looking.

CLERK-TREASURER – Revenue & Appropriation Reports for September 30, 2021, Billing Adjustment Register for month ending September 30, 2021, Current Register of Claims, Statement of Reconciled Accounts for month ending September 30, 2021, W/ Fund Report were given to the Town Council prior to the meeting 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 present. Walt Minnick and Mary King signed the Statement of Reconciled Accounts Report.

GARBAGE COLLECTION CONTRACT – The town will accept bids for garbage collection services at the November meeting. The current contract expires December 31, 2021. The Council agreed that they would like to invite contractors to submit an alternative bid item. That item would be the fee to provide one (1) curbside, heavy trash day in the spring. Billy said that he plans to move the dumpster at the park due to people filling it with trash.

STREETSCAPE MATCHING FUNDS – Following a discussion concerning \$1,000.00 of matching funds being left over from the streetscape project, a motion was made by Melinda Jobe to refund \$1,000.00 to KMS since they raised most of the matching funds for the project. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and carried with a unanimous vote.

WELCOME SIGN – Bushels of Blessings (Lee Thomas) provided two quotes to provide a sign on the north end of town like the sign on the south end. The amount for a single-sided sign is \$1,113.78. The quote for a 2-sided sign to be visible from both directions is \$1,627.16. Both signs would use Power Grab Heavy Duty Adhesive. Patty Quick said that the sign on the south end is too small for people to safely read; you have to slow way down to read it. The Council decided to table the issue and invite Lee Thomas to the next meeting to answer questions and address concerns.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS – A motion was made by Walt Minnick to set trick or treating hours from 6-8PM on October 31st since trick or treating with the merchants will be October 30th from 4-6PM. The motion was supported by Melinda Jobe and carried with a unanimous vote.

COBBLESTONE/INSTALLATION ESTIMATES – Billy Walker provided estimates for purchasing the cobblestone, sand, and installation estimates. He said that the cobblestone and sand used in the project was purchased through Edgewood Landscape Supply. Pricing information will be given to the Farmers Bank and any of the other businesses that may be interested in replacing the sod with cobblestone. John McIntyre said that he is experienced in installing cobblestone but is booked out until next May.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST – Brent Stetler said that he has found another Judge for the Christmas light contest. The Council discussed options to fund the prizes. Businesses could compete for one prize and residents could compete for another.

ENERGY POLES IN NEED OF REPAIR/REPLACING – Jerry Faucett mentioned Duke Energy poles that are dangerous. Jerry has contacted Duke Energy. Billy said that he has received locates for repair of Duke Energy poles.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Walt Minnick