

A public hearing and special meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Kirklin Town Hall.

The meeting was opened by Melinda Jobe at 6:10pm. Town Council Members in attendance were Walt Minnick, Brent Stetler, Melinda Jobe, Craig Hudzinski, and Jerry Faucett.

Also present: Billy Walker, Jay Moore, Clinton Poole, Dan Carlisle, and Tara Walker.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing was held on Annexation Ord #2025-9-4 titled “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”. Billy Walker explained that currently the south half of E. Jefferson St. beginning around the old railroad bed is in the town inventory but the north half of the street belongs to the county. He said that the town snowplows it but by annexing the northern half we will be able to include that portion of E. Jefferson St. when applying for Community Crossing Matching Grant paving funds since the Town would then own both halves. Clinton Poole believes the more the town can annex now, the better in the long term. The first reading of the ordinance was passed at the September 8, 2025 regular council meeting. The final reading will be held at the November 10, 2025 regular meeting. The public hearing was closed at 6:22pm.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – Billy Walker explained that during the September 8, 2025 meeting, the council approved a playground equipment quote. He has since spoken with other companies and he presented two more quotes for the council to consider. American Parks Company submitted a quote for \$29,893.27 with one of the structures the same as the originally approved quote while the other miscellaneous pieces were different. Billy doesn't believe the quality seemed to be as good as the original company. WillyGoat Toys and Playgrounds submitted a quote for the same exact items as the originally approved quote but was approximately \$9,000.00 less expensive. Therefore, he asked them to also quote the same miscellaneous pieces but with a larger playground structure for the 2 – 5 year olds to play on instead of just something basic. They submitted two quotes, both at \$30,000.00, each offering a different larger structure, the same miscellaneous equipment as the first approved quote, with shipping and installation included. Billy noted that a roof is not included over the structure as it added quite a bit to the cost. Tara Walker explained that, in addition, while most playground companies require a 50% downpayment, WillyGoat does not. Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve WillyGoat Quote #D44456 with Ann Arbor structure for \$30,000.00. The motion was supported by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Melinda Jobe, Council President

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