

The regular meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Kirklin Town Hall and was simultaneously livestreamed at [www.youtube.com/@kirklinindiana](http://www.youtube.com/@kirklinindiana).

Melinda Jobe opened the meeting and, on the call of the roll, the following Council Members were present: Melinda Jobe, Brent Stetler, Jerry Faucett, and Craig Hudzinski.

Also present: Billy Walker, Steve Jones, Kristy Jones, Dan Carlise, Jay Moore, Danielle Miles and Karla Bucheli.

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

**MINUTES** – Craig Hudzinski moved to approve the minutes as written from the Regular Town Council Meeting held on June 8, 2026, and the Special Meeting held on June 30, 2026. Brent Stetler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2026-7-1** – The Council considered Resolution 2026-7-1, reducing the 2026 Park Repairs and Maintenance appropriation, by \$4,000.00, with the amount to be appropriated in the 2027 budget. A motion was made by Brent Stetler and seconded by Jerry Faucett to approve Resolution 2026-7-1, and it passed unanimously.

**PARK** – Billy Walker reported that there were no major new developments at the park. The Town is awaiting delivery and installation of the merry-go-round, and no installation date has been provided. Council members stated that they have received numerous compliments regarding the new playground equipment. Preliminary electrical work associated with The Bridge project will be completed before Duke Energy performs its portion of the work. The Council also discussed the possibility of encountering remnants of former school foundations and other buried structures during construction. Billy explained that any unsuitable material can be removed and the ground stabilized as required before construction proceeds.

**STORMWATER** – The Council was advised that a Commonwealth surveyor would be in Town on July 16, 2026, to locate and document known stormwater structures. Residents may see the surveyor working throughout Town as part of the stormwater investigation.

**UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT** – Billy Walker presented his report and updates. Storm debris cleanup was completed with assistance from individuals who volunteered equipment and labor as well as Doin' It Wells, who removed approximately fourteen dump trailer loads of brush. The Council discussed recognizing Drew for the additional work performed during storm cleanup and thanked the others who assisted. Billy reported that the dump truck had remained at a repair shop for approximately one week without being worked on, and he was seeking another repair provider.

**TOWN MARSHAL** – Steve Jones presented the monthly Marshal's report. The department conducted 79 traffic stops, issued 14 citations, completed 43 incident reports, and made four criminal arrests. Steve is pursuing Department of Homeland Security grant funding for replacement two-way radio equipment because the department's current radios will become incompatible when the State upgrades its radio system. He is also gathering information regarding speed-feedback signs and the State permitting process. Steve thanked Reserve Officer Brandon Garber for volunteering several hours during the storm and assisting throughout the festival. He also reported that the transition involving the department's officers has gone smoothly. The Council discussed possible locations for an outdoor Narcan box near the library. The preferred location is near U.S. 421, away from the fire hydrant. The Council also agreed that the provider should be responsible for maintaining and restocking the box and that this should be documented in a written agreement. Steve reported that the emergency lights on the Ford F-150 were retaining moisture, causing the lights to short, change flash patterns or colors, and intermittently stop working. The existing lights are out of warranty and must be replaced. Two estimates were reviewed. Steve recommended Tip of the Spear because the vehicle had been inspected in person, the quote was more complete, and the proposed Whelen lights include a ten-year warranty. A motion was made by Craig Hudzinski to accept the Tip of the Spear estimate in the amount of \$2,699.66 to replace the emergency lights on the police truck. Brent Stetler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**CLERK-TREASURER** – Karla Bucheli provided the reports Tara Walker prepared for the month ending June 30, 2026, including the Revenue Report, Appropriations Report, Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register, Monthly Statement of Reconciled Accounts, and the Accounts Payable Register ending July 9, 2026. With no questions from the Council, members signed the Payroll Allowance Docket,

Adjustments Register, and Accounts Payable Register. Council President Melinda Jobe reviewed and signed the Statement of Reconciled Accounts and the corresponding bank statements prior to the meeting.

**ADJUSTMENT** – Jerry Faucett made a motion to approve the following leak adjustment: Jason Moore, \$30.16. The motion was supported by Brent Stetler and it passed unanimously.

**COUNCILMEMBERS** – Melinda Jobe reported that approximately 75 motorcycles participating in the No Vet Left Behind event were expected to stop at the Kirklin American Legion on Saturday, July 25, 2026. The organizers requested permission to temporarily close a small portion of Madison Street, near the alley by the post office, from approximately 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Council had no objection. Billy advised that the organizers should contact him regarding cones or barricades. Melinda stated that Dan Carlisle had provided each Council Member with a letter regarding stormwater flooding and a proposed stormwater rate increase. Because the letter was not received before the meeting, the Council agreed to review it and place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting. The Council discussed ongoing stormwater drainage concerns, current budget limitations, and potential improvement projects. The Council agreed to continue working with Commonwealth and the County to identify priorities and develop a comprehensive stormwater improvement plan.

Seeing no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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Melinda Jobe, Town Council President

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