

A public hearing and the regular meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00pm at Kirklin Town Hall while being simultaneously livestreamed at www.youtube.com/@kirklinindiana.

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

Also present: Billy Walker, Shane and Brianna Kohl, Sherry Stowers, Jeff Dennnis, Steve, Kristie, Jessie and Jennah Jones, Jay Moore, and Clerk-Treasurer Tara Walker.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Melinda Jobe opened the public hearing regarding an additional appropriation of \$15,000.00 to the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (CCD) to pay for the \$30,000.00 of electrical upgrades at the park per the agreement with The Bridge signed in December 2025. Shane Kohl asked if the work would be done before or after Kirk's Crossing and Melinda replied that she had been told August. Seeing no further questions or comments from the public or the council, the hearing was closed at 7:06pm. **Res #2026-6-2** – Craig Hudzinski made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$15,000.00 to the CCD Fund. Jerry Faucett supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES – Craig Hudzinski moved to approve the minutes as written from the Public Hearing and Regular Town Council Meeting held on May 11, 2026; the Executive Session held on May 18, 2026; and the Special Meeting held on May 26, 2026. The motion was seconded by Jerry Faucett and it passed unanimously.

JEFF DENNIS – Jeff, co-owner of Capstone Mobile Home Community, which he and Connie established in 1999, attended the meeting to discuss ongoing flooding issues affecting the property. He stated that, historically, a section of the street would flood annually with up to one foot of water, but the water typically receded within 24 hours. According to Jeff, conditions changed sometime in late 2024 or early 2025, resulting in significantly more severe and prolonged flooding. He reported that flooding in April 2025 persisted for five days, and in June 2025 reached its highest level to date, extending into residents' yards and up to building foundations. The standing water remained for nine days before draining. He further stated that the detention pond had previously drained within a few days and supported healthy grass growth, but now no longer drains properly. During the summer of 2025, the pond contained stagnant, insect-infested water for more than 50 days. Jeff stated that the community's stormwater system met all county requirements at the time of construction; however, he believes the system is no longer functioning as intended, requiring residents to drive through standing water to access their homes. He added that the flooding also impacts Sunshine Manor Apartments, where water now accumulates in areas that had not previously experienced standing water. Jeff stated that he believes the Town of Kirklin is responsible for addressing the issue, as ownership of the stormwater infrastructure was transferred to the Town upon completion of the development. After discussion, Melinda and Craig thanked him for coming to the meeting.

SHANE KOHL – Shane attended on behalf of the Kirk's Crossing Committee and updated the council on their planned activities and schedule. He requested traffic control for the 5K Walk and stated there are no races or harness pulls this year due to conflicts.

ORD #2026-6-3 – Melinda Jobe read Ord #2026-6-3 aloud, amending salary Ord #2025-12-1. The amendment decreases the hourly amount of the Town Marshal to \$33.00/hr. Craig Hudzinski made a motion to approve Ord #2026-6-3 on first reading. Jerry Faucett seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Craig Hudzinski motioned to suspend the rules to be able to consider Ord #2026-6-3 at the same meeting. Jerry Faucett seconded and it passed unanimously. Melinda Jobe made a motion to adopt Ord #2026-6-3 on second reading. Jerry Faucett seconded and it passed unanimously.

NARCAN BOX – Melinda Jobe stated that, since the last meeting when this topic was introduced, she believes the best location for a Narcan box would be at the water tower lot. Billy Walker agreed and noted he just did not want it at the park. Jerry Faucett would like for it to be where cameras are located and Steve Jones replied that he will ask the library if their cameras have a view of the water tower lot. Melinda Jobe made a motion to approve the Narcan box being located at the water tower lot provided it is in view of the library's cameras. The motion was seconded by Craig Hudzinski and it carried unanimously.

SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT – Jerry Faucett moved to approve payment to Commonwealth Engineers Inv #66932 in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The motion was seconded by Craig Hudzinski and carried unanimously.

PARK – Billy Walker reported that Jones Electric installed two 30' poles for placement of cameras. The mulch was put down and spread around the new playground equipment and now open to the public. The ADA-accessible merry-go-round may be installed in August and the new ADA sidewalks sometime after Kirk's Crossing. He has two volunteers, Patti Quick, and Ellen Jobe, pulling weeds and taking care of the flowers and said that there has been more graffiti.

STORMWATER – Res #2026-6-1 – Craig Hudzinski made a motion to pass Res. #2026-6-1 Authorizing the Submittal of the Stormwater Utility Planning Application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and Addressing Related Matters. The motion was seconded by Jerry Faucett and it carried unanimously. **Statement of Qualifications Submissions** – Tara Walker informed the council that two engineering companies submitted their Statement of Qualifications for consideration pertaining to the Stormwater Planning Grant application. Interviews are scheduled for June 29, 2026 from 9:00am – 11:00am.

UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT - Billy submitted a written report to the Council prior to the meeting. He and Drew have spent all of their spare time lately working on the park. Tara stated that she and Billy went to Evansville the week prior with over 1,000 pounds of plastic caps and lids and picked up four trash cans, one bench, and two kiddie picnic tables. She thanked Bill Brock for allowing us to use his trailer.

TOWN MARSHAL – Steve Jones submitted a written report to the Council prior to the meeting and thanked Tara Walker for her help in getting him onboarded quickly. He also welcomed any questions the council may have.

CLERK-TREASURER - Tara Walker provided the council with the following reports for the month ending May 31, 2026: Revenue Report, Appropriations Report, Payroll Allowance Docket, Adjustments Register, Monthly Statement of Reconciled Accounts, and the Accounts Payable Register ending June 4, 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 corresponding bank statements prior to the meeting. **MISC** – Tara informed the council that she will be attending State Board of Accounts school in July and that Karla will be taking the minutes.

ADJUSTMENTS – Jerry Faucett made a motion to approve the following pool adjustments: Dolores McDaniel, \$48.02; Kimberly Quick, \$30.80; Sherry Lunsford, \$99.00; David Lafferty, \$66.73; and, Heather Stinnett, \$116.84. The motion was supported by Craig Hudzinski and it passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBERS – Melinda thanked Commonwealth Engineering, especially Maureen Hayden and Darren Wells, for their assistance regarding the town's stormwater issues. She also passed out information to council members regarding considerations for a stormwater rate increase. Jerry Faucett said that there are downtown new tree limbs over sidewalks and in alleys. He also reported a steel rod near the Christian Church property and asked Steve to take a look at it. He asked Billy if he has any millings due to holes in some alleys and Billy replied that he has been filling them as time allows as well as trimming trees. Melinda stated that she has noticed.

Seeing no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Melinda Jobe, Town Council President

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