

A regular meeting of the Kirklin Town Council was held on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00pm at Kirklin Town Hall while being simultaneously livestreamed at www.youtube.com/@kirklinindiana.

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

Also present: Brendon Bright, Jay Moore, Mark McClain, Shane & Brianna Kohl, Billy Walker and Karla Bucheli.

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

MINUTES – Brent Stetler made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the Town Council Meeting held on February 9, 2026. Jerry Faucett seconded and it passed unanimously.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY – The town council discussed a request by Kori Faulkner of United Way to place a Little Free Pantry on Town Hall property but she could not attend the meeting. Due to a lack of sufficient information, the matter was tabled until a representative can attend and provide additional details.

SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT – Billy Walker reported meeting with an engineer and a Commonwealth Engineering representative to review the Capstone lift station, but no decisions have been made.

PARK - Billy Walker reported that he is waiting on the installation schedule of the new playground equipment.

STORMWATER - The council discussed funding options for a stormwater planning grant proposal of \$56,500.00 from Commonwealth Engineering. Melinda Jobe provided the town council with a printout of an overview of what had transpired since the last council meeting and stated that it is possible that the county may pay up to half of the cost. The council considered the options, provided the county were to put up approx. \$25,000.00, to either pay the other portion of it from the stormwater fund, or use the potential approx. \$25,000.00 from the county, plus a smaller amount from the town, for an OCRA Stormwater Planning Grant application as the match requirement. Brent Stetler moved to proceed with the grant application, particularly if the county matches half of the amount. Walt Minnick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. In addition, Clinton Poole had submitted an e-mail to Melinda prior to the meeting with the hope that stormwater rates not be raised for he and other residents who live on Adams Ave. as he believes there are no services in their area. However, Melinda stated that the town cannot pick and choose who is charged for the fee and who is not. Billy stated that services are in that area but work is needed. Melinda noted that the stormwater rate will need to be raised if the town plans to apply for an OCRA stormwater construction grant.

UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT - Billy Walker reported that both of the wells have lost approximately 30% efficiency over seven years. He recommended cleaning Well #1 this year and Well #2 next year to stagger maintenance and prevent both wells from needing work simultaneously in the future. He presented a quote from Peerless Midwest in the amount of \$32,570.00 per well, which includes inspection, cleaning, pump removal and reinstallation, and related equipment replacement. He noted that this is an item that would come out of the water

depreciation fund. After discussion, a motion was made by Brent Stetler to approve the cleaning of Well #1 at the quoted cost. The vote went as follows: Brent Stetler, yes; Jerry Faucett, yes; Walt Minnick, yes; Melinda Jobe, yes; Craig Hudzinski, abstained. Billy Walker also reported that he anticipates getting the truck back from Jerry's Body Shop this week and that The Community Foundation grant application for the park has been submitted and results are expected in approximately three weeks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Brendon Bright stated that, since the last council meeting, the department received 17 calls for service including one misdemeanor arrest; written 1 ordinance violation warning; and had 31 traffic stops during which 8 citations and 23 warnings were issued.

CLERK TREASURER – Karla Bucheli provided the council with the following reports that Clerk-Treasurer Tara Walker prepared for month ending February 28, 2026: Revenue, Appropriations, Statement of Reconciled Accounts, Adjustment Register, and the Allowance Docket; and the Register of Claims ending March 5, 2026. Seeing no questions, the Town Council signed the Allowance Docket, Adjustment Register, and the Register of Claims. Melinda Jobe also reviewed and signed the Statement of Reconciled Accounts and bank statements prior to the meeting. Karla then stated that there will be an additional appropriation hearing in April for the general fund in relation to the police department.

ADJUSTMENTS – Craig Hudzinski made a motion to approve leak adjustment for the following account: Natalie Salazor in the amount of \$234.73. The motion was seconded by Jerry Faucett and carried unanimously.

BUILDINGS WITH MULTIPLE UNITS – Jay Moore provided the council with a draft ordinance regarding the use of a single water meter servicing a building with multiple units. Councilmembers discussed the need to define what constitutes a “unit” and agreed to review the ordinance before making any decisions.

COUNCILMEMBERS - Melinda Jobe attended a Kirklin Main Street meeting and reported that the distillery is planning a Fourth of July event and is hoping to tie it in with downtown. Concerns were raised about scheduling conflicts with neighboring events and whether local businesses would be open.

Seeing no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.



Melinda Jobe, Town Council President

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