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**KILKENNY CITY COUNCIL**  
**Halfway to St. Paddy's Day**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

There was a meeting of the Kilkenny City Council held in Council Chambers starting at 6:30 pm on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Council in attendance:** Tammy Holicky, Terry Ferch, Bob Busta, Julie Balfe

**Staff in attendance:** Nicole Icaza – City Clerk

**Persons in attendance:** Janice Sellner, Darrell Knish, Amy Michaels, Lori Stoerling, Lacey DeYoung, Dan Knish, Tina Knish, Erin Schweich, Danny Buesgens

1. **Call to Order.** Tammy Holicky called the meeting to order at 06:30pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to approve agenda. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
4. **Staff Announcements:** The date selected at the last meeting is to have the Halfway celebration on September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.
5. **Discussion on Halfway to St. Paddy's Day:**
  - A. **Vendors:** Darrell Knish & City Clerk will work on updating the forms, and reach out to past vendors, as well as look at the variety/options available. Looking for a total of 4 food vendors for this year.
  - B. **Kids Games:** Tammy suggested that in the past years, the city has lost money on the Kids Games and is looking at other options that we could offer to the Kids of Kilkenny during the Halfway Celebration. Also, an issue we face is having enough volunteers to be able to help run the kids' games.
  - C. **City Booth:** We have plenty blue sweatshirts for this year. Last year we sold approximately \$2,300 Saturday & \$2,300 on Sunday. Other ideas would be selling pop, possibly beer, can koozies, and try to find a way for the City to raise funds. The City will look into insurance as well as an alcohol permit, and what it would cost for the City to do this. Raffle ideas with different baskets or a 50/50 raffle.
  - D. **Volunteers:** We are in need of people to Volunteer for the different events. The City Booth should have at least one or two individuals to volunteer their time throughout the weekend. Possibly set up a volunteer sign up sheet.
  - E. **Parade:** Lori Stoerling did an amazing job last year; so it was suggested and accepted that Lori could lead the parade again this year! Parade starts at 12:30 on Saturday. Looking at bringing in the "Govenairs" this year. We are also going to ask for nominations for a Grand Marshal for this year. Also ideas of bringing in a Miss Kilkenny for future celebrations. This could be coronated during St. Patricks Day at the Toy Box, or anywhere in between before the Celebration.
  - F. **Fireworks:** Terry Ferch will handle the Fireworks
  - G. **Music:** Last year from 12-4 we had the Gales, Division Street Dancers, and Andrew. Tammy is going to ask Cameron if he can handle the music this year again. Gary West could be a possibility.
  - H. **BBQ Contest:** Ben will do the barbeque again this year. There will be changes on the calculations on how to score it. Darrell will find the judges again this year. Ben mentioned we might be able to sell tickets to the public to try the food after it is done.

- I. **Car Show:** Darrell & Dan want to shut the street down prior to the Car Show. We need signs made and posted in advance to ensure that there are no cars blocking the Car Show Event. We would like to add a separate sponsor to the sponsorship forms for flyers. Possibly add in more classes like best paint, see if sponsors would be interested in that. Keep the same time for the car show 11am-4pm.
  - J. **Toilet Bowl Races:** Ben sounds like a great candidate to run the Toilet Bowl Races. 3 Members on a team, \$20 to enter/team. On average, there is about 6 teams. Ideas to have Power Wheels races in between the Toilet Bowl races, for the kids to have participation. Idea to bump up the Toilet Bowl Races to 2:30pm to give enough time in between events.
  - K. **Fun Run:** Tammy Holicky will be in charge of the Fun Run. We are looking to increase the sign-up for the Fun Run by \$5/kid \$5/adult.
  - L. **Banners:** Lori suggested we need new banners printed for the celebration with a basic list of activities and times.
  - M. **Bud Memorial:** Danny mentioned that we do something for the passing of Bud and honor him somehow during the Celebration. Danny will also keep his doors open to hosting the Irish.
  - N. **Halfway Dinner:** Held the Friday before at the Toy Box. Darrell, Dan and Tina were talking about the people that are invited to the appreciation dinner. He suggested that we take into consideration the folks that do volunteer their time, attend the meetings etc. Last year there were people that were not invited, like Gene Mach & Dale Hamele as they offer their time and equipment that help put the celebration on. Darrell also mentioned throwing a separate party to include everyone.
6. **Next Halfway to St. Paddy's Day Meeting:** Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Julie Balfe, to set the next meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
7. **Adjourn.** Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to close and adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

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Tammy Holicky, Tem Mayor

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Nicole Icaza, City Clerk