

**KILKENNY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 11, 2023**

There was a regular meeting of the Kilkenny City Council held in Council Chambers on May 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

**Council in attendance:** Mayor Cameron Hankins, Council Members: Tammy Holicky, Terry Ferch, Bob Busta, Julie Balfe

**Staff in attendance:** Marissa Johnson-City Clerk, Jason Moran-City Attorney

**Persons in attendance:** Jason Villwock, Lori Stoering, David Priesler, Ryan Kinniry, Calvin Tegmeier, Bill Washa, Janice Sellner, Joe Wallace, Lacey DeYoung, Steve Rutt, Jessie Mathison, Jeff Baldwin, Jason Holicky

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Cameron Hankins called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Special Meeting held April 10, 2023. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular meeting held April 13, 2023. Motion by Tammy Holicky, seconded by Terry Ferch to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of agenda.** Motion by Tammy Holicky , seconded by Terry Ferch to approve the agenda with the change of New Business C Resolution 2023-3. The council can discuss but no need to approve. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
6. **Staff Announcements:** The new Post Office door has been installed.
7. **Presentations:**
  - A) **Sheriff Department:** Not Present
  - B) **PeopleService:** Not Present
8. **New Business:**
  - A) **Selly Excavating Quote \$4,480.00 for Railroad Ave. N:** The cap to a water valve is all that needs to be replaced. We have extras at the Wellhouse and Selly Excavating can replace at the lower fee than \$4,480.00. The house by the Bank has a bent pipe to their curb stop. To fix Sell Excavating quoted \$4,480.00 and they would like to do both projects at once when they come to town. The water needs to be shut off as the water bill has exceeded three months. Treasure Tara Robinson informed Cameron they have not paid their water bill since November 2022. Tara and Marissa have tried to reach out to the residents. Tammy Holicky mentioned to wait until we get out grant money, which may take some time, before we spend this amount of money for the city to pay. Terry Ferch and Cameron Hankins expressed that their water needs to be turned off. Jason Villwock mentioned Gene at Buds Standard needs his water cap replaced and wants it moved. The Council decided to table and have Selly come out again and reevaluate and give another quote. Marissa will put in on either the next emergency meeting or next months regular meeting.
  - B) **Resolution 2023-2 Designating Polling Place for 2024:** Motion by Tammy Holicky , seconded by Terry Ferch to pass resolution 2023-2 for designated polling place for 2024 to be mail in ballot and at Le Sueur County Court House. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
  - C) **Resolution 2023-3 Abatement of Nuisance Property and Assessing Property Taxes for Blight:** Property was sent a notice of their nuisance tree. They cleaned up the tree and raked the yard to make it no longer a nuisance.

## 9. Unfinished Business:

### A) Sewer Cleaning:

1. **James Bros. Construction sewer jetting and clenaing \$265/hr with a trip/prep charge of \$40:**
2. **Jason Holicky:** Jason can back the catch basins but not do any jetting. He can get leaves and garbage out with a fee of \$500.

### B) Street Sweeping Quotes:

1. **Quality Sweeping Services, LLC \$750:**
2. **Jason Holicky \$500:** Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to have Jason Holicky clean the catch basins and street sweeping for \$500 each. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Jason will clean on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

C) **Post Office Agreement:** We reached out to Post Office and retrieved our agreement. We are currently in a contract until January 1 of next year. We can not ask for an increase right now, but we can the end of this year. Jason Moran expressed that if the council wants to proceed the Post Office may leave town. The current contract is from the 1990's. Jeff Baldwin mentioned the council has tried before years past and the Post Office said if the city increased it they would leave. The Council decided to leave it as is.

10. **Approval of Disbursements.** Motion by Tammy Holicky, seconded by Terry Ferch to approve the City's disbursements and May expenditures. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

11. **Imprest Cash Fund:** The Imprest cash fund does not need to be paid back this month.

12. **Citizen Time:** Ryan Kinniry and Kalvin Tegmeier attended on the behalf of the Kilkenny Horseshoe Club. The President of the Horseshoe Club, Leon Pittman. He mentioned no one has been up there since Covid. He mentioned they were planning on bringing back the league. The courts have been up for 45 years, and Ryan is questioning if anyone on the council reached out to someone on the horseshoe club to notify. Also, asked who approved it. Cameron Hankins noted it is a city lot and not a township issue and expressed frustrating of Barb Kinniry "chewing his ass out". Ryan understands it's city property and wanted curtesy from the council to contact the club. Ryan expressed he would have liked to have one more time to play on the courts and have the paper come and do an article. Marissa Johnson mentioned this happened very quickly and she was the one who retrieved the boards from the burn pile and set them at the Township Hall for Barb Kinniry. Tammy Holicky apologized that no one did notify the Club. The Council decided to stop weeding/fertilizing the property and eventually we will use it for our new Well House. She mentioned they deserved to know and be there when it was taken down. David Priseler contacted the Highway Engineer about the road out of town and concrete by the bank. He hasn't heard from him yet. Mentioned Highway 13 might start in July, and it will take longer as its not just an overlay but also infrastructure. The conjunction of 28 and 13 will get a roundabout. Steve Rutt mentioned they want to narrow the sidewalk by the bank and parking lot, and possibly no rail. Steve mentioned they can fix the concrete by the bank. Lacey contacted Cameron on closing the road on May 13 from 12:30 to 3pm. Steve asked what if something happens if they get a call in the middle of the week of closing the road. The road closing is supposed to get a council approval but if they can't do that then they need to contact Marissa or Cameron. Jason Moran mentioned for them to keep doing what they're doing. Tammy mentioned the Fire Department needs to be aware. Jason Moran said if it became a problem, we will address it at that point. They want to shut down the road on May 13<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and a date between. Marissa addressed an issue with John O'Neil dropping off his pick ups at the Toy Box parking lot and asking others in town to drop their boats off. They have their RV, boats, and trailer right in the middle of the storage unit parking lot. Jason Moran mentioned to just have Toy Box tow their vehicles off their property. Tammy told Lacey to call the Sheriff's Department if it becomes a problem. Bill Washa asked if we had a plan for a city-wide garage sale. Cameron said Deb Dudley usually organizes but Marissa Johnson said not enough people participate. Jason Villwock asked about ISG leaving paperwork for their \$5000 quote. No one received any paperwork or emails. Marissa had Jason mark on the map what needs to be surveyed. We will get three quotes for the land survey. Excel won't come out to look at anything until the land has been surveyed. Cameron will contact a company from Lonsdale for a quote and Marissa will contact Bolten&Menk for a quote. Lori Stoering mentioned the boats and RV at the storage unit.

## 13. Council Discussion:

A) **Well House Project:** Marissa and Tammy met with ISG on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will need to do an emergency meeting later this month to finalize paperwork that is due June 2. There was conversation

about keeping the well house at its location but build where the horseshoe pits were. This will allow our water to stay up and running during construction. There will also need to be a survey of the property done. At that time, we then can look into Jason Villwocks request of the road survey on Railroad Ave. Jason Villwock mentioned Shell spends more time in one day than any one from PeopleService. Cameron noted because she's doing her job. Marissa asked where the garbage bin went at the park. She will contact WasteManagent to order another one.

**14. Adjourn.** Motion by Tammy Holicky, seconded by Terry Ferch to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

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Mayor, Cameron Hankins

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Marissa Johnson, City Clerk