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KILKENNY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING June 22, 2023

There was a regular meeting of the Kilkenny City Council held in Council Chambers on June 22, 2023.

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: Christy Anderson, Anne Drivedahl, Chris Bongers, Jessie Mathison, Jeff Baldwin,

Matt Gallagher, Jason Villwock, Sharon Balfe, Lori Stoering, Bill Washa, 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 agenda.** Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
- 4. Staff Announcements: No announcements
 *Mayor Cameron Hankins started with number 6 building permit 2023-2 250 Knish Court.
- 5. Building Permit 2023-3 (466 Dodd Road W): Marissa Johnson stated she just received the permit this past Tuesday and is not sure how the permits go and figured they will table until next meeting for them to go check it out. Cameron Hankins asked who is constructing it. Marissa mentioned she did not know as it wasn't written down on the permit. She also stated it looks like they already started putting in a door to the lower level of the home. Terry Ferch confirmed they already started and they are doing it themselves. Marissa was asked to get more information and a site plan drawn from them. Cameron stated you do need a permit to excavate. Marissa asked the council how much the permit would be. Cameron told her to look in the code book. Marissa stated there is nothing about digging up dirt in the code book. Marissa also stated they need to have another meeting to talk through the permit process. Motion by Tammy Holicky, seconded by Julie Balfe to table building permit 2023-3 466 Dodd Road W. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
- 6. Building Permit 2023-2 (450 Knish Court): Jason Moran asked Anne Drivedahl and Chris Bongers several questions about their permit. Who is building it? Who is going to be the plumber, HVAC, and electrician? Anne explained it's a building kit and they will do it themselves. She said there will be a tankless water heater and have a plumber ready. They are waiting for Excel to come out before they look into an electrician. Jason Moran explained that how they are living now is illegal. Anne stated they were unaware they couldn't use a camper on their property. Chris mentioned any lot or land you buy you can put a camper on. Jason stated not in Kilkenny. Christy Anderson stated there are other campers in the city. Jason Moran stated it's not a dwelling. Christy Anderson and Jeff Baldwin were upset that Jason Moran was acting like the building inspector. Jeff Baldwin yelled that Chris and Anne should hire a lawyer. Jeff Baldwin asked who else had their footings and other building permits get inspected. Jeff also mentioned there are properties with knee high weeds but only matters who you are. Matt Gallagher stated he did receive pictures and stated he knows how much it costs. Matt also stated how is it going to look between two expensive homes. Tammy asked if they would have bedrooms and how many. Anne explained it is a Quonset style roof, but the home will have a half basement and there will be three bedrooms with windows. Terry Ferch asked what the neighbors think? Also, stating neighbors have made concerns they do not want a Quonset. Cameron Hankins asked what the room sizes would be? Anne stated the smallest is 10x11. Cameron asked what is the biggest? Anne stated 10x14. The walls and roof will have insulation. Jason Maron advised the council to distinguish if the setbacks are good, if it's a dwelling, and if they want to overlook the camper. Jason mentioned the neighbors' opinions shouldn't have an impact on the decision

making. Jeff Baldwin asked if the Sheriffs were called on them. Anne stated they came twice and never received a ticket. Anne also stated Matt Gallaghers LP tank is encroached on their property. Jason Villwock mentioned they should have received the permit before buying the lot and that they are throwing wrenches at everyone in the city. Tammy mentioned this could take up to three months and stated they are very agitated with the council. Terry said they should have come to a council meeting first. Anne stated there is no where stating the building permit process. Matt stated he got the permit first and then bought the lot. Matt said he was going to buy that lot. Jessie Mathison asked what the council thinks. Tammy said she knows it meets setbacks and the neighbors are upset and feel very pushed into this. Jason Villwock mentioned they(the neighbors) are concerned about their tax value to their homes. Jason restated they should have asked the city before they bought the property. Christy Anderson mentioned its normal for people to buy property before putting in a permit. Motion by Tammy Holicky, seconded by Bob Busta to approve building permit 2023-2 450 Knish Court. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

- 7. Citizen Time: Cameron Hankins went around the room. Jeff Baldwin asked if there was an accident, such as a car, ran into the sidewalk at the bar who is responsible, the city or bar. Cameron stated he would go back and look into it. Jeff also asked if you need a permit for concrete. Cameron stated a permit is needed. Christy Anderson asked if she needs a permit to remove dirt. Jason Moran stated she does not. Sharon Balfe states she didn't know she needed a permit for a 28x28 garage she wants to start footings on July 4th. She also stated she will need to move her LP tank. Sharon would need to put in a building permit and the council will have a special meeting. Jason Villwock mentioned her property is already surveyed. Jason Villwock said you don't need one, Marissa announced that you do need to receive a permit for a deck. Cameron and Tammy Holicky stated Sharon already got a permit for her deck. Jeff Baldwin explained how the 2023-2 permit and this permit were treated differently. People stated it's just a garage. Jason Moran mentioned someone made comment about the weeds in town. He said he has come through town on his motorcycle and saw some homes need a blight notice.
- **8.** Council Discussion: No council discussion
- **9. Adjourn.** Motion by Tammy Holicky, seconded by Terry Ferch to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Mayor, Cameron Hankins	
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