

**KILKENNY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2023**

There was a regular meeting of the Kilkenny City Council held in Council Chambers on July 13, 2023.

Council in attendance: Mayor Cameron Hankins, Council Members: Terry Ferch, Julie Balfe

Staff in attendance: Marissa Johnson-City Clerk

Persons in attendance: Jessie Mathison, Sharon Balfe, Janice Sellner, Bill Washa, Jason Villwock, Jeff Baldwin, Lori Stoering, Anne Drivdahl, Jason Holicky, David Preisler. Kyle Renneke-ISG, Emily Brinkman-ISG, Lacey DeYoung, Joe Wallace

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Cameron Hankins called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular meeting held June 8, 2023. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Julie Balfe to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Special meeting held June 12, 2023. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Julie Balfe to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Special meeting held June 22, 2023. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Julie Balfe to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
6. **Approval of agenda.** Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Julie Balfe to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
7. **Staff Announcements:** No new announcements.
8. **Presentations:**
 - A) **Sheriff Department:** Not Present.
 - B) **PeopleService:** Cameron noted Shell will flushing hydrants next Tuesday and nothing at the ponds has been killed for weeds.
 - C) **ISG – Preliminary Engineering Report:** Kyle and Emily summarized that the city is in need of a new well and well house. We are waiting to hear back from PFA about a grant. Expected to hear back by late July/August. Last discussion there were questions of alternatives option. What it might look like moving the site to the ballfield. The report is an overview of the current conditions, how much the new wellhouse would be, and protentional funding options. From discussions, ISG understands the wellhouse now is in poor condition. The roof is leaking, ventilation concerns with the chemicals, and concerns on the life span of well number two that was drilled in 1937. Emily mentioned there will be an upcoming Manganese Health Advisory level from the State of Minnesota. Right now, the city’s raw water does exceed the health advisory and she anticipate regulations. Another concern was low water pressure, especially on the top of the hill by the standpipe. Alternative #1 is the existing location with capitol cost being \$2,223,000. Alternative #2 is the ballfield site with capitol cost of \$2,907,000. Alternative #3 is the ballfield site and two wells with capitol cost being \$2,955,000. It was noted with alternative #1, once well #4 is drilled there will be no more room on that parcel for future wells. We would need an easement with the east side of the property for a 50-foot control from the drilled well from the property line. Kyle asked if there any other options for site locations or buying property. Emily mentioned they were looking for some sort of recommendation from the council. We don’t know how much of a grant the city would receive and the council can’t decide until we know the grant amount. Jason Holicky did mention if it came down to it, he could help make something work to sell part of his parcel on Railroad for the wellhouse project. Emily did mention there are access concerns of the site now. The chemical truck must back up on a hill to reach the building. Once there is a new wellhouse there can be a turnaround.

Emily also mentioned if we wanted to put in an Iron filtration system the building would have to double. If the city is interested in the filtration system ISG will need to go back and put it in the report and ask for funding as well. Setbacks were discussed. Cameron mentioned they will need to discuss with council members who are not here.

9. New Business:

- A) **Budget Meeting:** Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Julie Balfe to set the budget meeting on Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
- B) **Pirkl Pre-Buy:** Terry mentioned Kevins name should be removed from the address line. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Julie Balfe to prebuy 4,000 gallons for \$1.549 from Pirkl. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business:

- A) **Street Signs:** Cameron will investigate were and what signs we already have and what poles we need. Marissa will get an updated price list.
- B) **Storm Sewer Cleaning:** We received an estimate on storm water mainline cleaning. Televising, they put a Cameron down and see where and what is clogging, 4 hours at \$300 for \$1,200. Jetting is 6 hours at \$300 for \$1,800. Marissa stated the council will need to ask Tara if we can afford this. The Council tabled until the next meeting.
- C) **Selly Construction:** Cameron noted there is nothing new.
- D) **Jon Moriarity Garage water meter:** Cameron stated he went over last night, and the water meter is hooked-up and running.

11. **Approval of Disbursements.** Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Julie Balfe to approve the City's disbursements and July expenditures. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

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

13. **Citizen Time:** Jason Villwock mentioned council should stop being paid for Halfway meetings. Cameron stated he will talk with the council. Jason mentioned the street sweeper dumped right outside the city shed he rents. He stated he did not charge the city for him to remove it but questioned who allowed this. Marissa stated she told the street sweeper to dump by the shed by the ponds, like last year. She mentioned she did not anticipate him to dump on concrete or rocks and she apologized. Sharon Balfe came in with her building permit and needed help filling out setback requirements. Dave Preisler mentioned property values for new construction in fall 2021 to 2022 was \$47 million. Jeff Baldwin asked who owns the sidewalk by the Toy Box. Toy Box asked if they could take over the sidewalk. Cameron stated he will speak with the attorney and vacate properly. Jeff also asked who there are building permits when there is no inspector? He also stated people start on projects without getting a permit first. Jeff mentioned a home on Dodd Road and one at the top of the hill. Cameron noted the people on the hill did put a permit in. Anne mentioned they never got validation if a permit was needed. Cameron noted he doesn't have all the answers and the Attorney isn't here. Jason Villwock stated the City Clerk told the people on the hill to go forward with their permit. Marissa noted to Jason if he was the contractor he should have come in and received a permit. Jason stated he was not the contractor and that she doesn't know what she's talking about and should shut her mouth. Marissa questioned him what he was doing in the back of the said property with two grain bins. Is he going to concrete them in? Jason said you don't need a permit for concrete. Marissa noted for the past few meetings he (Cameron Hankins) has stated a permit is required for concrete. Marissa also noted she put in a building permit schedule in last month's newsletter and has said several times everything is on the website and people should do their research. Jeff brought up the lack of a building inspector. Terry said we should go through the state and adopt the state building code. Jeff mentioned the council wouldn't give a permit and then did but never looked to see if it was built properly. Joe Wallace walked up to the council to listen to a recording of a car going off. Lacey stated it wasn't going off long. Joe said it was 10 minutes. An hour later Kevin Hamele sped loudly down the main road at 1am. At 2am Joe mentioned the Toy Box people leaving being very loud. Terry mentioned she has people reviving their motorcycles at 2/3am. Joe asked if the noise will be regulated and if he can vacate the street. Joe also mentioned garbage from Toy Box. Terry, Lori and Sharon mentioned they get garbage by their homes, business or church and just pick it up. Lacey asked Joe what she could do. Joe asked her not to give people glass bottles for outside. Lacey stated she should stop every person before they leave. Joe said let's be good neighbors. Lacey said she tries hard to

keep up with the property. Jason Holicky stated this is a civil matter and called the police. Jason asked why this is the city's matter. Joe mentioned the city approves the liquor license. Joe mentioned people come and do whatever they want to do. Anne asked what it would take for the Sheriff's to come out at closing time. Terry stated they vary their times. Joe states people are still there at 2am. Lacey stated people must be out by 1:30am. Joe mentioned they could reduce their hours and close at 10 at night. Lacey stated he could go to hell with that comment. Joe asked about the chemicals in the mosquito spraying. Cameron said he called but has not heard back. Jason Villwock mentioned the city should go away from doing business with them. He said Jamaicans bought them out and their service is piss poor. Marissa stated she agreed with going with a different business. She has contacted three people and complained. She mentioned they might be really upset that the city had Gordy ride with them to spray correctly. It's \$780 a time for mosquito spraying and \$450 to spray at the ponds. Marissa was asked to look into a different company. Terry also wants Marissa to call and schedule a mosquito spray for the ATV Run. Janice Sellner mentioned Marissa to look for an email from the Hibernians.

14. Council Discussion:

- A) **Snowplow Bids:** Marissa stated we have not received any bids yet. She will have a notice printed again for September's meeting.
- B) **City Cell Phone:** Marissa stated she does not use the city cell phone that much and is sick of carrying around two phones and can save the city \$65 a month. Council agreed for the city cell phone to be canceled.

15. Adjourn. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Julie Balfe to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Mayor, Cameron Hankins

Marissa Johnson, City Clerk