

**KILKENNY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
July 31, 2023**

There was a regular meeting of the Kilkenny City Council held in Council Chambers on July 31, 2023.

Council in attendance: Acting Mayor Tammy Holicky, Council Members: Terry Ferch, Bob Busta, Julie Balfe

Staff in attendance: Marissa Johnson-City Clerk

Persons in attendance: Lori Stoering, Jenny Fogarty, Jason Holicky, Joe Wallace

1. **Call to Order:** Acting Mayor Tammy Holicky 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:** None currently.
5. **City Attorney Interest Letters:** Tammy stated the city received a city attorney interest letter from Anderson & Skubitz, for Kimberly Woodgate. She represents the city of Le Sueur. Her fees look reasonable with attorney fee rate \$140 per hour for attorney fees, and \$70 per hour for secretarial fees, with an increase of \$5 per hour annually in January. Julie Balfe asked what the secretarial fees are. Tammy stated the secretarial fees are when she must turn stuff in and do the paperwork. Tammy noted Kimberly will be the criminal lawyer for the criminal cases in town. We still need a civil lawyer. Terry Ferch agreed the cost was reasonable. Tammy mentioned the civil lawyer will not be as reasonable and we put letters out for a civil lawyer but have not heard back. Terry asked if Kimberly would do both criminal and civil, Tammy declined she could. Julie asked what the civil attorney does. Tammy and Marissa mentioned the civil is for boundaries and annexations, resolutions, for Kilkenny kind of things.
Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to accept Kimberly Woodgate as our criminal lawyer. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
6. **Snowplow Bids:** We did get snowplow bids in the Waterville paper. Tammy was wondering if we need to make a bigger radius as we haven't received any interest. Waseca, Montgomery, Faribault, New Prague were talked about. Tammy asked if the Extra out of New Prague would be a good choice. Marissa put in a notice in the Waterville paper that will run twice. Jenny Fogarty mentioned our best bet is to do it online as no one looks at the paper and it's expensive. Tammy said we could do it in the Happenings of these towns. Jenny also asked about putting it on Indeed. Marissa said she would look into it. Marissa had the notice saying we want bids by September 8th. It's the Friday before our regular meeting. The Council decided to post the notice on Facebook pages. Marissa and Tammy will post on social media first.
7. **Halfway Thank You:** Tammy mentioned it was just said to her if we wanted to put a thank you notice in the papers for our sponsors. As our sponsors give so much money and recognize them. Terry said we have the thank you banner, and people should see it. Lori noted the banner is too small for people to read. Tammy stated we can look into prices and bring it up at the next meeting.
8. **Citizen Time:** Tammy noted to Joe Wallace that the mosquito chemical used is Talstar. Joe made a concern of criminal activity at The Toy Box Salon. He played a recording with sounds, tammy confirmed they could hear the sounds from his phone. Joe stated it was going on for 15 minutes. He mentioned they were on civilian territory, so to speak, and there's young kids around and people walking. Joe stated there were no barriers, Fire Department, or Police. Joe has concerns about this coming back onto the city if an

accident occurs. Tammy agreed and stated no one should be in danger at any time. Tammy said we should talk with the Sheriffs at the next meeting. Joe stated this is criminal activity. Terry Ferch mentioned that's not the only activity. The next door with the bikers were beeping the horn from 1:37 until 4:14 in the morning, squealing and revving up the motorcycles. Lori Stoering agreed with Terry. Joe asked if it was on a public street. Joe mentioned the bar has a parking lot they can use. Tammy mentioned Jason Holicky was saying this would not happen in any other town. Joe is concerned about the city being sued because of an accident. Tammy said she will call the Sheriffs and that it is hard for anyone to control these people, per say. Joe asked then why do people need to be here after 10 o'clock at night. Tammy stated its a bar. Terry said bars are open until 1:30am. Jason Holicky asked if there is a noise ordinance. Tammy and Terry said yes. Terry stated it's supposed to be quiet by 10pm. Either way Tammy stated they shouldn't be doing that. Tammy asked when this happened Joe stated it was at 4:30 in the afternoon. Tammy said this is not lawful and is dangerous. Tammy will talk with Lacey to see what she's thinking because she can't stop it either. Joe said she promoted it. Jason Holicky said maybe we should get more patrol. Jenny asked what our contract with the Sheriffs is. Tammy and Terry said it's half an hour a day. Marissa said it's 20 hours a month. Julie noted they come through randomly. Jason Holicky asked how long their liquor license is good for. Terry said one year. Jason mentioned the city could let the bar know if they can't get this under control then the city won't renew their liquor license. Then you might as well tell them to close the freaking bar and restaurant. Tammy mentioned we don't need to threaten. Jason said it's only a matter of time until someone gets hurt. Tammy mentioned we could put up signs stating there are fines for these actions. Joe also mentioned people go through the Dodd Road and Kilkenny Road stop signs. Terry and Lori confirmed its truck drivers and farmers. Tammy said once people start to get tickets then maybe they will stop. Lori asked if the signs would curve the driving stream from coming in. Tammy, Julie, and Jason mentioned these acts are disrespectful, careless and there's no need to be doing burnouts. Tammy told Joe she will look into, but she will be gone. Joe said the liability should be all on the bar. Marissa wanted to add about that same day, Kessa sent a video and serval other neighbors complained of a trailer being parked on the alley way. Marissa mentioned maybe The Toy Box Saloon needs to be reminded not to block the alley ways. Jenny Fogarty used to live here for many years. She came last year to halfway and loved it. She had an idea for Halfway. She saw it at the Irish fair of Minnesota, for the guy's best legs in a kilt. She said there are different categories, best tattoo etc. Jenny mentioned this could be an option for next year. The next Halfway meeting is August 14th at 6:30pm.

9. Council Discussion: Tammy asked for the kids in the park to put it on anything internet wise. Tammy and her family, Janice, and Mike showed up. Lori wanted to share that Lacey told Lori that Joe watches her when she leaves. Terry mentioned they put up with the crap too and states Joe has a plastic bag after hanging out for 30 min. Tammy stated this discussion should be had after the meeting is adjourned.

10. Adjourn. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Mayor, Cameron Hankins

Marissa Johnson, City Clerk