

KILKENNY CITY COUNCIL
Emergency Meeting
September 27th, 2023

There was an emergency meeting of the Kilkenny City Council held in Council Chambers starting at 5:30 pm on September 27th, 2023.

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

Staff in attendance: Nicole Icaza – City Clerk

Persons in attendance: Janice Sellner

- 1. Call to Order.** Mayor Cameron Hankins called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3. Approval of agenda:** Motion by Tammy Holicky, seconded by Terry Ferch to approve agenda. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
- 4. Staff Announcements:** None
- 5. Curb Stop at Connie Webber/Kim Stangler:** Mayor Cameron Hankins said for them to dig it down and get it ready for install – he spoke with Zelle about what is needed for them to install. The bid from Neisen & Sons is \$870.00. Mayor Cameron Hankins made a call while at the meeting to speak with Zelle’s for a rough estimate to put on the Curb Stop – he said \$300 would be the most that it would cost for the install. Motion by Tammy Holicky, second by Terry Ferch to accept the bid by Neisen & Sons cost for digging the curb stop in front of Connie Weber’s property for \$875.00 with an additional of up to a total of \$300.00 to Zelle’s to cover the hook-up fees. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
- 6. Tree Removal/Maintenance on Ponds:** Mayor Cameron Hankins opened up two bids for the Tree Removal at the ponds. Neisen & Sons to remove the trees \$1,100 to remove the rip rap rock from fabric and removal of cattails and weeds – and install rip rack and fabric would be \$5,055 with materials not included. Rich Hackett also put in a bid for removal of just the trees for \$1,200 but would not be responsible for any damages to the fabric. If we go with Neisen’s we could get it all completed this fall. Motion by Terry Ferch, second by Bob Busta to approve the bid received by Neisen & Sons to remove the trees/cattails and the replace the liner in the ponds (material not included) for the total cost of \$5,055. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
- 7. Receipts for Childrens Games at Halfway to St. Paddy’s Day:** Mayor Cameron Hankins spoke with Jason Moran regarding the issue. Marissa kept the money for the Children’s Games (\$650.00) the was made on the Children’s Games and is now requesting for reimbursement of \$1,030.35. We do not have all of the receipts that she turned in, it is unsure where money was spent, nor did she get approval to spend the amounts she did for the games or gifts for the Ireland guests. Typically, we use the City Credit Card to purchase gifts for the guests from Ireland. Her gifts for the Irish were meat raffle ticket t-shirts, chicken dumpling/creamy wild rice soups, magnets – 12 boxes & cards – without approval, nor did she return any unused items or materials purchased. Initially she was to donate the money made from the Children’s Games/Kids Booth. Motion by Tammy Holicky, second by Terry Ferch that we do not reimburse Marissa Johnson for the receipts given to us as we did not approve of them nor did she

receive prior authorization and that the City would take the loss of the money (\$650.00) brought in at the Children's Games/Kids booth . Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

B. Jason Moran – City Lawyer: Mayor Cameron Hankins received a letter from Attorney Jason Moran regarding our constant need to obtain his legal advice – he offered to come back as our city attorney at \$150/hour with a monthly retainer of \$1,000 a month – and he would cover both criminal and civil. He would not attend any city council meetings unless necessary. Mayor Cameron Hankins asked when he would be able to start, and Jason responded that he could start the next day (09/28/2023) at 8:00am. As Jason is familiar with representation of Kilkenny, it would be in the best interest of the City. Motion by Terry Ferch, second by Bob Busta to rehire Jason Moran as City Attorney at \$150/ hour with a \$1,000 monthly retainer. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried. Josh Weir: Motion by Tammy Holicky second by Terry Ferch to discontinue our services with Josh Weir/Civil Lawyer with Kennedy & Graven. Unanimous vote. Motion Carried. Kim Woodgate/Criminal Lawyer: Motion by Tammy Holicky second by Terry to discontinue our services with Kim Woodgate out of Le Seuer. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

C. Pump for Well House: Mayor Cameron Hankins For a new pump – it is a chemical feed pump – it is \$604.95 and a Poly Tube \$16.95 for a total of \$688.10. But we can take off \$47.27 as we are tax exempt. Shell Johnson will order it for us and we can reimburse/pay for the pump. The total cost would be \$640.83. Motion by Tammy Holicky, second by Terry Ferch to purchase a chemical feed pump and poly tube for \$640.83. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

8. Citizen Time: None

9. Council Discussion: Terry Ferch and Bob Busta inventoried the street signs needed around town. The city needs 5 posts. West Ash & Kilkenny Road – that sign is gone. A sign for Kilkenny Road & Ash by the Toy Box. We need a post for Railroad Avenue. We need to replace the post for Dodd & Laurel on the East side of the Hall. Sign and Post is needed on East Oak and Kilkenny Road (the corner by Gino's). Laurel & Maple sign also needed – there is a post there but no sign on it. Terry and Bob looked in Uline catalogue at 10' posts – if we get the materials the county will install them free of charge. We can use some of the street signs. The county could order the street signs or get an estimate from Uline. Tammy Holicky mentioned adding to next months agenda on adding Gambling fee for the Sherriff and Firefighters 10% for the city revenue. Tammy also brought the attention that the sidewalk is the responsibility of the resident to replace the sidewalks. Jason Moran spoke to Kim Stangler regarding the issue – as we discussed it at the last meeting. Terry also wanted to mention that the streetlights in town – that the city lot by the shed is very dark and could use light as there is already an existing post. Mayor Cameron Hankins mentioned looking at solar powered lighting – Terry also believes that by the Toy Box, the alley there could use a light. Mayor Cameron Hankins asked Janice if she spoke with Danny and Erin and she said that Tim will help trim the trees where it is needed. Nicole mentioned that her time will be limited for her City Clerk hours as she will be at training with her other job but will come out to the office to complete her duties as she can. Janice made a comment that her training to complete the City Clerk training will be ending as Nicole has picked up on the tasks and duties as City Clerk quickly.

10. Adjourn. Motion by Tammy Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to close and adjourn the emergency meeting at 6:05 pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Cameron Hankins, Mayor

Nicole Icaza, City Clerk