

**KILKENNY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2023**

There was a regular meeting of the Kilkenny City Council held in Council Chambers on November 9, 2023.

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

Staff in attendance: Nicole Icaza

Persons in attendance: Jessie Mathison, David Mathison, Sharon Balfe, Dusty Balfe, Marissa Johnson, Shawn Simmons, David Preisler, Lacey DeYoung, Deputy Isaac Holm

1. Call to Order: Mayor Cameron Hankins called the meeting to order at 0630 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Halfway to St. Paddy's Day Meeting held October 5th, 2023. Motion by Terry Ferch, second by Bob Busta to approve minutes as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting held October 12, 2023. Motion by Terry Ferch, second by Bob Busta to approve minutes as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

4. Approval of agenda. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to approve the agenda November 9 as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

5. Staff Announcements: City Cell Phone purchased. Clerk was unable to login to the Google account, as the number listed is unknown, and Clerk cannot reset the password – Clerk reached out to Marissa, and she also was never able to use the scanner and used her personal scanner from her home. Clerk was unable to reset the scanning program on the City Printer to scan documents to email. This is very difficult as the Clerk needs to scan documents to different County departments etc. City Clerk is going to try and find a workaround, but this is a problem for the City Clerk responsibilities.

The library has been rented out for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Shell came in and worked with me on filling out Grant Applications that I submitted to the MN Dept of Health on 11/07.

6. Presentations:

A) **Sheriff Department:** Nothing at this time

B) **PeopleService:** Shell was not present for the meeting

7. New Business:

A) **Vinegar Hill Street Light – (Darrell Knish mentioned at Oct 5th Meeting)**

B) **City Clerk Foundational Training – League of MN Cities Classes Offered - Cost \$55.**

Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to approve City Clerk Foundational Training through the League of MN Cities.

C) League of Minnesota Cities – Workman’s Compensation Renewal:

Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to approve the renewal of Workman’s Compensation Insurance through the League of MN Cities, total cost \$3,695.00.

8. Unfinished Business:

A) Ponds – Shaun Simmons stated no work at the ponds has been completed. He is hopeful to have them done next week (11/13). Shaun also spoke concerning a water leak, ramifications to the city, and outcomes. Our water representative was not present for the meeting.

9. Approval of Disbursements. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to approve the City’s disbursements and November expenditures. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

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

11. Citizen Time:

Dave Mathison: I want to thank Lacey for putting the garbage cans out, that he has seen people using it and putting their garbage in them instead of chucking it out.

Marissa Johnson: Addressed the council regarding several concerns she had and advised that she is not seeking any monetary reimbursement from the City. Advised that she wanted meeting minutes amended or changed to what she believes is the truth.

Dave Preisler: He was not able to be at the last two council meetings as he had scheduling conflicts, but just to give you a heads up on one of the things that has happened between the last meeting and now is that the preliminary Levy has been set by the county. That increase was set at 6.5% but the final won’t get set until the 12th of December. Farmland value has gone way up; it has exploded because of some of the prices paid for farmland. So, farmland is going to carry more of the burden than it has for the last several years, and consequently houses are going to carry a little less of the burden.

Shaun Simmons: Readdressed the council and wanted to ask in the event that they find that the water main is leaking, are you guys going to have to have a special meeting for approval on what is going to happen or how is that going to go? Mayor Cameron said it is kind of one of those things if you have a water main leak, you fix it when you are there. Terry Ferch said it would be an emergency meeting, it would not need to be posted, so nobody would have to get upset about that.

12. Council Discussion: Bob brought up street signs – Terry asked if Nicole ever checked in to it. Nicole said there is an e-mail chain that she revisited and see how long the order would take to get the signs that we need – but she would look at which signs it is again, she did get the bid on the U-Line posts at \$260 for 5 posts, and then she will follow up with the guy from the County on how much it will cost the City to get the signs made. The county will put them in at no charge, but we are responsible for purchasing the signs and posts.

13. Adjourn. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Bob Busta to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Mayor, Cameron Hankins

Nicole Icaza, City Clerk