

**KILKENNY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 9, 2018**

There was a regular meeting of the Kilkenny City Council held in Council Chambers on July 9, 2018.

Council in attendance: Mayor Kevin Taaffe, Jr., Jeff Baldwin, Terry Ferch, Luke Wetzel, Cameron Hankins

Staff in attendance: Janice Sellner

Persons in attendance: Charles Dappen (PeopleService), Jason Moran, Carl Villwock, Brian Morris

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Kevin Taaffe, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular meeting held June 11, 2018. Motion by Luke Wetzel, seconded by Jeff Baldwin to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of agenda.** Motion by Cameron Hankins, seconded by Terry Ferch to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
5. **Staff Announcements: Janice:** Well Head Protection – Sealing unused wells. Reminder of City Wide Cleanup on July 14. People can start putting their stuff of the curb. Also, finally contacted Sara Hewitt who is agreeable to maintain the City website and Facebook page. This will be discussed in Council time.
6. **Presentations:**
 - A) **Sheriff Dept.: None**
 - B) **PeopleService:** Charlie Dappen updated us on the work performed by PeopleService including weekly monitoring of drinking water and levels of water additives. They have been able to maintain good levels throughout the system. The well house had some issues that were addressed for now but will require a long term fix eventually. The roof leaked and shorted out the power outlets, which were replaced with weather proof outlets by Volkmann Electric. They also had to rebuild the polyphosphate pump, made adjustments to the chlorine pump and replaced the tubing. The phosphorus chemical that was purchased from Hawkins didn't work so they will be ordering liquid next time. We will watch for a bill from Hawkins to see if we were charged for this. Charlie asked if we have a sewer cleaning program in place, and if not, it would be a good preventative measure to look into. He will try to get a couple of quotes for us so that we can address this for our budget meeting.
 - C) **Cummiskey Trespass:** City property is being farmed and Jason is looking for direction from the City as to how we want him to proceed. A starting point would be for Jason to send a friendly letter to bring it to the landowner's attention along with the City's expectation that it would be returned back to grass (by seed) in the Spring.
 - D) **Stangler Annexation Proposal:** Motion by Jeff Baldwin, seconded by Luke Wetzel to accept the Petition for Annexation from Steve Stangler. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Motion by Jeff Baldwin, seconded by Terry Ferch to set a special meeting on September 10th at 6:45 pm for the purpose of public input concerning the Stangler annexation. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
 - E) **Barnett Brothers: St. Canice Sewer Issue:** The Barnett Brothers are working on sewer and drainage issues with St. Canice Church. They presented a proposal to install a drain by the Library that would tie into work they were already doing that would alleviate an ongoing issue there. Motion by Luke Wetzel, seconded by Terry Ferch to accept the proposal from Barnett Brothers for \$635 to install a drain on City property by the Library. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Barnett Brothers also requested that the City pay for exploratory work to check a crushed drain near the Bud Miller property. After discussion, it was decided that there were too many unknowns until after the mapping was done by Rural Water.

7. New Business:

- A) **Morris Proposal:** Brian Morris was present to propose removal of V-style curb & gutter and replace with surmountable curb & gutter in front of his residence at 217 S. Laurel Ave. After discussion and assurances that it would be done properly, a motion was made by Jeff Baldwin, seconded by Cameron Hankins to accept the proposed work, which will be done at the homeowner's expense. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
- B) **Banyon Update Estimate:** Motion by Jeff Baldwin, seconded by Luke Wetzel to accept the proposal from Banyon for the Meter Device Interface and Meter Interface Annual Support for the new water meters. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. The question was raised if online bill pay would be possible. The clerk will check into this. The installation can occur after a meeting is set to inform all parties of the steps that need to be taken and the time frame to do it.
- C) **Resolution for Polling Place:** After a reminder that Kilkenny opted to move to a Mail-in Precinct in a previous meeting, and that anyone who desires to vote in person can do so at the Le Sueur County Courthouse, Motion by Jeff Baldwin, seconded by Luke Wetzel to pass Resolution for Polling Place No. 2018-1 that names Le Sueur County Courthouse as our polling place for anyone in our Mail-in Precinct who wants to vote in person. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
- D) **Paperwork for K.C's:** Motion by Jeff Baldwin, seconded by Cameron Hankins to accept the donation from the Montgomery Knights of Columbus. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
- E) **Liquor Sales at Halfway** – Kathy Hoy: Since there has been no return contact from Kathy, and there is concern about competition with the beer sales for the KC's, this will be tabled.

8. Unfinished Business:

- A) **Halfway Update:** So far, we have 9 sponsors, most of which are platinum. The sign is installed by the highway. The Mayor from Ireland will not be able to come, so we will extend an invitation to former Mayor, Martin Brett.
- B) **Water Tower:** No new information.

9. **Approval of Disbursements.** After discussion, and removal of the payment to McGuire Iron and a plumbing bill from the Township of Kilkenny, Motion by Luke Wetzel, seconded by Jeff Baldwin to approve the City's amended disbursements and July expenditures. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

10. **Impress Cash Fund.** Impress doesn't need to be reimbursed this month.

11. **Citizen Time:** Carl Villwock asked about the lights that were on at the intersection of 13 and 2 that are no longer on. We need to contact the Highway Department to let them know.

12. **Council Discussion:** Jeff Baldwin: (a) Raised concerns about the water rates and extra expenses involved with these latest projects we've been working on, and would just like to make this a priority at the upcoming budget meeting. (b) Also raised the ongoing issue with the Robinson property and blight. The clerk is in the process of getting an address. (c) Discussion of what to do about the well house: new roof or new well house? It is ok for now, but needs a longterm fix. Charlie will get a couple of estimates for repair and replacement. **Terry Ferch:** Mosquito issue: They haven't been doing a thorough job because they aren't sure of some private property lines and there was an unwarranted complaint from a resident against them. Terry talked to them to ease their minds about the complaint and offered to ride with them next time to make sure they know where to go. **Kevin Taafe, Jr.:** (a) Updating of website: Motion by Cameron Hankins, seconded by Terry Ferch to hire Sara Hewitt for 10 hours at \$15 per hour to get it updated and then \$50 per month to maintain. If more than 10 hours are needed, the council will require an estimate of how much longer. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. (b) Library: How is it doing? Robin Miller has done an awesome job with her projects with the kids for the summer. Several kids are coming on a regular basis. (c) City

positions up for election is Kevin Taaffe, Jr's position is up for Mayor, and Jeff Baldwin and Luke Wetzel's positions are up for City Council members for 4 year terms. Affidavits for candidacy need to be filled out by August 14th.

13. Adjourn. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Luke Wetzel to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Kevin Taaffe, Jr., Mayor

Janice Sellner, City Clerk