

**KILKENNY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2018**

There was a regular meeting of the Kilkenny City Council held in Council Chambers on September 10, 2018.

Council in attendance: Mayor Kevin Taaffe, Jr., Cameron Hankins, Terry Ferch

Staff in attendance: Janice Sellner

Persons in attendance: Sue Knowles, Jason Villwock, Joan Culhane, Julie Balfe, Tom Hanzel

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Kevin Taaffe, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular meeting held August 13, 2018. Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Cameron Hankins to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Budget meeting held August 23, 2018. Motion by Cameron Hankins, seconded by Terry Ferch to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Budget:** Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Cameron Hankins to approve the budget for the year 2019. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
6. **Approval of agenda.** After adding the Stangler Annexation to Unfinished Business, motion by Cameron Hankins, seconded by Terry Ferch to approve the agenda as ammended. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
7. **Staff Announcements:** Need to finalize the letter for Midwest Testing to send out. We will do that during Council Discussion.
8. **Presentations:**
 - A) **Sheriff Dept.:** None
 - B) **PeopleService:** Kevin talked to Charlie Dappen and shared that the water tower is being filled now and will take 75 hours to fill. Once the water sample comes back clean, we can resume normal use. The mixer needs to be hooked up by an electrician and will be done soon. The water pressure seems to be much better.
9. **New Business:** None
10. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A) **Adoption of Grass Mowing and Trimming Policy:** Motion by Cameron Hankins, seconded by Terry Ferch to adopt the new grass mowing and grass trimming policy. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
 - B) **Adoption of Resolution 2018-2 (Grass Mowing and Trimming Policy):** Motion by Terry Ferch, seconded by Cameron Hankins to approve Resolution 2018-2. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.
 - C) **Water Meter Installation:** After meeting with installers, in order to be fair with everyone, it was decided to put the equal cost of the water meters with the home owners, and the cost of the installation with the City. Reasons for the update of water meters include the many outdated and non-functioning water meters raises the cost of water service to everyone. Not only are the new meters accurate, they can send an alert if they detect unusual usage. The meters also are radio read meters which means, for the most part, that the readers will not need to come into your homes. The biggest advantage at this time is that because everyone will be paying for accurate water usage, the City will not have to raise rates. Cost of the meters is \$185 per service and the City is making available a payment plan to divide the cost over a year's time. Or if desired, can be paid for up front.
 - D) **Cummiskey Trespass Update:** After discussion on whether the City wants the land in question returned to seed or rent with the power to maintain control, the City gives Jason Moran authority to draw up a contract for rental with new owners.

- E) **Tom Hanzel Proposal:** After discussion, a motion was made by Cameron Hankins, seconded by Terry Ferch to vacate the North portion of Laurel Avenue between the Moriarity and Hanzel properties. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Jason Moran will draft a resolution which will be voted on at the next council meeting. No survey will be needed.
- F) **Water Tower:** already addressed previously
- G) **Well House:** In desperate need of replacement. Will contact some contractors this winter in hopes of starting construction in the spring. We can do a post steel building and will need a separate room for chemicals.
- H) **Stangler Annexation Resolution 2018-3:** Motion by Cameron Hankins seconded by Terry Ferch to approve Resolution 2018-3. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

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

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

13. **Citizen Time: Julie Balfe:** Wants to know how far in from the curb can you build on the property. Kevin will get her a copy of the code. **Jason Villwock:** Asked about moving the outhouse at the horseshoe pits. Discussion on possibly moving the pits to the City park where they would have better parking options. Asphalt by the fire hall needs replacing and gutters are needed. This should be brought up at the next Fire Meeting. **Joan Culhane:** asks how much the water meters will cost and was told approximately \$180.0

14. **Council Discussion: Sample Letters:** A letter was agreed upon which Janice Sellner will print up on City Letterhead and email to Midwest Testing for mailing to residents. **Fogarty Lease:** Check the lease to make sure it is updated. We can discuss it at the October meeting. **Terry Ferch:** Light on North side of Fire hall is flashing. Anyone can call Xcel to report a light of theirs that is a problem and they will take care of it. **Kevin Taaffe, Jr.:** Wants to make it clear that he still lives in Kilkenny, pays taxes here and is running for Mayor as a resident of this town and if anyone has any questions or concerns, they can call him at 507-838-1036. And "respectfully invites anybody who wishes to be involved in the civic process of the City to show up to council meetings, to be part of the progress of the City and do it the right way". **Generators by Ponds:** contact DNR Surplus in Mooselake to get rid of them. We need a backup generator for the lift stations anyway and they won't work. **Kevin:** is looking for other internet providers about putting antennas on the water tower to get faster speed internet.

15. **Just a side note: When you get your ballot in the mail...do NOT throw it away. Even if you decide to vote in person at the Courthouse, you will need to bring your ballot with you.**

16. **Adjourn.** Motion by Cameron Hankins, seconded by Terry Ferch to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Kevin Taaffe, Jr., Mayor

Janice Sellner, City Clerk