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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at the Wilder City Building, 520 Licking Pike, Wilder, Kentucky 41071.

Lords Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to Order:

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Roll call was answered by Councilman Blankenship, Councilman Dinn, Councilman Herald and Councilwoman Wilson.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Dinn, seconded by Councilwoman Wilson, to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2011, Regular Meeting. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Incoming and outgoing correspondence copied to Council prior to the meeting.

Reports Presented:

Financial Reports

General Fund ending 2/28/2011

Frederick's Landing ending 2/28/2011

Upon motion of Councilman Herald, seconded by, Councilman Blankenship to Approve financial reports and authorize payment of bills for General Fund Ending 2/28/11 and Fredericks Landing ending 2/28/11. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst stated that there were no ordinances or resolutions for consideration.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Turner advised council that they needed to act on the Audit for 2009/2010.

Councilman Blankenship stated that he has reviewed the audit and has no problems with it.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by, Councilwoman Wilson to accept the 2009/2010 Financial Audit for the City of Wilder. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Turner informed council that for storm water drainage the city needs an easement in the rear of the property at 114 Center Street; however, the property owner would rather sell the property to the city. The cost for the .33 acre is \$26,400.00. Mayor Turner encouraged council to go over and view the property.

Mr. Vance advised that the additional land purchase would then put it over an acre which is a conforming lot and this would give the maintenance department needed space for storage.

Mayor Turner announced that the first two fish fry's have had a great turn out.

City Administrator Comments:

Mr. Vance informed council that the construction of the salt house and South Street is progressing.

Mr. Vance has spoken with the sign company and is frustrated that the sign is not complete. He feels we may have to cancel the contract with them and go with the other sign company.

Mr. Vance stated that Attorney Verst has a contract ready for the land purchase if council decides to purchase the proposed property.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Turner advised council and Ipsco Tubulars is putting on an addition to expand their business which would create additional jobs. However, there have been recent issues with the noise there and they are going to be meeting with them regarding this.

Citizen's Comments:

Mr. Gordon complimented the city on the expedience of the meetings. He also suggested that council attend other city meetings to see how they do their meetings.

Mr. Gordon complimented Terry Vance stating that he is held in high regard throughout the county.

Mr. Gordon presented the following options for the Signal Hill private drives discussed during the Panel meetings. Options 3 and 4 received the most Panel support for recommendation to City Council.

1. City to take no action.
2. City to assume no drive maintenance and adjust property taxes for Signal Hill residents.
3. Signal Hill to upgrade Signal Hill Drive to City standards and dedicate to City.
4. Signal Hill to dedicate Signal Hill Drive as above and City to cover some portion of maintenance to other private drives.

5. Signal Hill to dedicate all private drives to City, but not the onsite parking spaces.

Mr. Gordon informed council what other cities are doing in regards to taking over and maintaining streets.

Mr. Gordon also stated that the Ky Highway Department disagrees that there is a liability issue regarding Johns Hill Road with the city providing limited maintenance such as spreading salt prior to snow.

Mr. Gordon stated that there were two options that got the most support.

Councilman Blankenship questioned what the two options were.

Mr. Gordon advised that they were:

3. Signal Hill to upgrade Signal Hill Drive to City standards and dedicate to City.
4. Signal Hill to dedicate Signal Hill Drive as above and City to cover some portion of maintenance to other private drives.

Discussion ensued regarding upgrading the Signal Hill Drive to meet city standards.

Councilman Blankenship questioned who would pay for upgrading of Signal Hill Drive.

Mr. Gordon stated that Signal Hill Association would pay for the upgrades before the city would accept the street.

Councilman Dinn thanked everyone for their involvement and expressed that there were many issues to consider when discussing this issue such as zoning issues, fairness, legal and proper. The committee has come up with two supportable options for council to consider. Councilman Dinn asked council if they had any questions.

Mr. Vance stated that he didn't have any questions, however is concerned with setting a precedent.

Councilman Dinn added as a footnote that the misconception of the neighbors of Signal Hill as to their level of services could be likened to a contractor. Their budget is very precise and do a great job and are well funded.

Discussion ensued regarding services.

Attorney Verst is concerned with option 4 regarding the city covering some portion of private drives as far as salting or plowing by using tax payers dollars for private purposes.

Councilman Dinn clarified for council that both options revolve around the approval and acceptance of Signal Hill Drive which will require Signal Hill Association to spend funds to perform detail inspection and survey of that road to be brought up to standards.

Mr. Gordon is still has an issue regarding the dismissal out of hand in terms of a reduction of property taxes for that development.

Councilman Dinn stated that the committee did spend a lot of time going through this and none of council would support this.

Discussion ensued regarding a tax refund.

Councilman Herald had the following questions.

1. Are these legally private drives? Councilman Dinn advised they were.
2. Asked Mr. Vance what legal precedent can these options set? Mr. Vance expressed that the there could be serious defects in the streets, taking over streets in general and is concerned that other tax payers could ask for a refund
3. Questioned what effect taking over the street would have on the Maintenance Department. Mr. Verax believes it would require an additional laborer.
4. Asked how the vote established and carried out. Councilman Dinn they went around the table asking each for their support for which measure. Through the series of votes these were the most supportable ones and done through a public forum.

Councilman Dinn asked Mr. Verax how complicated it would be to coordinate snow removal with a contractor at the same time.

Mr. Verax stated that this would be very hard. You must constantly communicate or otherwise one could remove the salt that the other just put down.

Councilman Dinn stated that this was a great process and it deserves our attention.

Mayor Turner suggested that council act on this at the April meeting giving them time to digest all the information.

Councilman Dinn suggested that anyone call if at home if they have any questions.

Upon motion of Councilman Dinn, seconded by Councilwoman Wilson to consider the two proposals for Signal Hill to be acted on at the next meeting. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Comments:

Councilman Blankenship – Commended the panel for their work.

Councilman Dinn – No comment.

Councilwoman Wilson – No comment.

Councilman Herald – Echoed Councilman Blankenship’s sentiments.

City Clerk:

No comment.

City Administrator Comments:

Mr. Vance encouraged council to look at the property located behind the new maintenance facility that they are going to consider purchasing.

Police Chief Comments:

No comment.

Fire Chief Comments:

No comment.

Maintenance Department:

No comment.

Adjournment:

Upon motion of Councilman Herald, seconded by, Councilwoman Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on April 4, 2011.

Stanley Turner – Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Gibson – City Clerk