

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

September 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 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 Bob Blankenship, Councilman Bob Arnold, Councilman Rob Honaker, Councilwoman Jones, Councilman Profitt and Councilman Jerry Sebastian.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Sebastian to approve the Minutes of August 20, 2018 Regular Meeting. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports Presented:

Police Report

Activity Report August 2018

Attorney's Report:

Ordinances and/or Resolutions for consideration:

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 18-0901: **An Ordinance levying an ad valorem tax rate for the year of 2018 on all property real and personal in the city of Wilder, KY, setting the waste collection/recycling rate for 2019 on properties receiving curb side collection, levying and ad valorem tax rate on motor vehicles for 2018 in the City of Wilder, KY, establishing the rates therefore and adopting the Campbell County tax commissioner's assessment on said property and providing for a tax lien against all taxable property in the City of Wilder, Kentucky to secure the payment of said taxes. (First Reading)**

Bob Blankenship suggested raising taxes to the compensating rate of .218 per \$100 assessed value. Councilman Blankenship stated the property tax has been .200 per \$100 for many years. Councilman Blankenship feels raising taxes to the compensating rate could help bring in extra revenue. He stated the city just purchased the bank property for \$170,000, which was not in the budget and the salary cap on payroll is set at the FICA rate of \$128,400, which in the past there was no cap. The city also has the park, comprehensive and firehouse study that will also cost

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some money. He also mentioned he would like to increase some salaries of our service personnel; fire, police and maintenance.

Councilman Profitt stated, "I agree."

Councilwoman Jones thanked Councilman Blankenship for taking the time for doing the research. The history was very important information. Councilwoman Jones stated the mayor and councilmembers have done an excellent job in managing the budget with not having to raise taxes in over 10 years. She agrees with Councilman Blankenship at some point we need to start building some of the reserves back because that is what we have relied on that has allowed us to make some improvements. Councilwoman Jones also stated she supports raising the taxes to the compensating rate.

Councilman Arnold feels council should wait until some numbers come back from the comprehensive plan before they raise taxes. Councilman Arnold thanked Councilman Blankenship and Councilwoman Jones for all of their research. Councilman Arnold does not feel like it is the timely thing to do.

Mayor Turner stated that taxes have not been raised for many years. The city is debt free and without knowing exactly what the expenditures are at this point on the different studies Mayor Turner ask council to look long and hard before raising taxes. Revenues are right on target with where we should be this year. Mayor recommends very strongly to council to not raise taxes.

Discussion ensued regarding raising taxes.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Profitt to approve Ordinance No. 18-0901: An Ordinance levying an ad valorem tax rate for the year of 2018 on all property real (0.218 percent of each \$100 of assessed value) and personal (0.361 percent of each \$100 assessed value) in the city of Wilder, KY, setting the waste collection/recycling rate (\$195.00 per unit annually and \$180.00 annually for those properties receiving homestead exemption) for 2019 on properties receiving curb side collection, levying and ad valorem tax rate on motor vehicles (0.148 percent of each \$100 of assessed value) for 2018 in the City of Wilder, KY, establishing the rates therefore and adopting the Campbell County tax commissioner's assessment on said property and providing for a tax lien against all taxable property in the City of Wilder, Kentucky to secure the payment of said taxes. (First Reading) Mayor called for a vote.

Councilman Arnold – No
Councilman Profitt – Yes
Councilwoman Jones – Yes

Councilman Blankenship – Yes
Councilman Honaker - Yes
Councilman Sebastian – Yes

Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

Mayor's Comments:

- Mayor and City Administrator Vance met with Northern Kentucky University's President for breakfast last week.
- Any member of council that would like a biography in the next newsletter the deadline is September 24, 2018.
- Fall Yard Sale – September 21, 22, and 23.
- Flag Raising is September 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
- Bluegrass Festival is September 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

City Administrator's Comments:

- He reached out to Brandstetter Carroll regarding the work they completed prior to the city terminating their contract. Mr. Vance ask them to give us the work product that was completed and then the final bill would be paid. Brandstetter Carroll will check on the completed work and get back with City Administrator Vance.
- Street work on Observatory is slow due to weather.
- Concrete incident on Observatory – The contractor said that the insurance company for the person who drove through the wet concrete was not going to pay for the replacement of the concrete. The contractor also stated that he will redo the damaged concrete after his last pour on the street.
- Street light issue on John's Hill Road is getting bigger. The Highway Department will have to approve the lights on existing poles. The lights down Andrews Way is a bigger issue. Duke Energy stated they cannot put power lines under the big power lines. We need to figure out another way to put up the street lights on Andrews Way. All the new lights will be LED.
- The 2017-2018 audit needs to be approved. Mr. Vance would like a motion to approve the audit.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship and seconded by Councilman Sebastian to approve the audit submitted by Paul Maddox for the City of Wilder ending June 30, 2017. Mayor called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Comments:

Councilman Sebastian:

- Thanked Councilman Blankenship for his hard work regarding the property taxes.
- Stated he is concerned about losing the City's only ballfield.

Councilman Honaker:

- Thanked Councilman Blankenship and Councilwoman Jones for all of their work on the property taxes.
- Thanked the Fire, Police and Maintenance Departments for all they do.

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Councilman Blankenship:

- Thanked Juanita Schultz and City Administrator Vance for their help in assisting him with information regarding the property taxes.

Councilman Profitt:

- Complimented the Firehouse Committee for their work on the firehouse study, very impressive.
- Councilman Profitt is also excited to see more information on the Park Study.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Firehouse update: The Fire Department met with MSP on August 16, 2018 to evaluate the floor design, the number of rooms, space allocation and how they were going to blend the fire station with the existing city building and police station. They also looked at the storage space. Jack Willard with MSP forwarded a design to the committee of the new fire station. They are also working on a cost estimate, which is part of their contract.
- MSP will be meeting with council on September 17, 2018 to give a presentation and answer any questions regarding the new firehouse.
- Councilwoman Jones also stated at some point they will work very closely with the comprehensive and park study groups.
- Thanked City Administrator Vance for reaching out to Josh Homer at 71 Moock Road regarding his property.

Councilman Arnold:

- Not in attendance at time of comments.
 - Councilman Arnold had to leave the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

City Clerk:

- No Comment.

Police Chief Comments:

- Second firearms qualification is coming up the week of October 8. Officer Kilgore and Officer Vance do an outstanding job.
- Thanked the maintenance department, Officer Chris Vance and Lieutenant Lang for their work on Touch-a-Truck. It was a big success.
- Commended the fire department, especially Lieutenant Lang, for their professionalism on the fire boat, Sunday, September 2, 2018, for the fireworks.
- Happy Birthday to Juanita Schultz.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Thanked Chief Williams for being on the boat with the firefighters on Sunday.
- Chief Neyman, Assistant Chief Norris and Chief Profitt went to Bowling Green for a Chief's Conference. The topic was cancer in the firehouse. They learned a lot of good information at the conference.

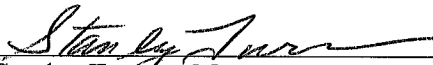
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Adjournment:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Jones seconded by Councilman Blankenship to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Tuner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on September 17, 2018.


Stanley Turner - Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk