

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

January 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Wilder City Building, 520 Licking Pike, Wilder, Kentucky 41071.

Ceremonial swearing in of Mayor Robert Arnold and City Council by the Honorable Michelle Keller, Kentucky Supreme Court Justice.

Lords Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Roll call was answered by Councilwoman Valerie Jones, Councilman Bob Blankenship, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilwoman Sandy Decker, Councilman Profitt and Councilman Rob Honaker.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Profitt to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2018 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Introductory Comments:

- Mayor Arnold thanked Justice Keller for swearing in Firefighter/Paramedic Jacob Melville, Mayor and council.
- Happy New Year and welcomed the new members of council; Councilwoman Meiser and Decker.
- Congratulated all the members of council for winning the election. Congratulated Councilwoman Jones for receiving the most votes.
- Introduced a new format for the meetings. Each department will give council an update.

Introduction of Guests/Public Comments:

- Mayor Arnold welcomed everyone in the audience and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Attorney's Report:

- Not in attendance.

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City Administrator's Report:

- City Administrator Vance will be updating the NO PARKING signs throughout the city. He will be giving council a section of the codification with all the streets listed with parking and no parking and he will highlight what signs he wants to add and remove.
- Animal Control's annual report was distributed to council. Not much Wilder activity. City Administrator Vance distributed an article regarding coyotes. This article will be included in the newsletter and put on the website.
- SWEMS meeting tomorrow night, January 8, 2019.
- City Administrator Vance contacted Jack Willard from MSP about beginning the topographic survey of the property for the new firehouse and to begin soliciting proposals for geotechnical engineers to do soil borings where the firehouse is proposed to be located.
- The fence between the city building and the house on Elm Street was taken down. A car ran into the fence. Mr. Vance is actively pursuing payment from the person who ran into the fence.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Property Taxes collected as of today - \$657,000.
- Tangible Taxes collected as of today - \$283,000.
- Delinquent amount of taxes is \$41,000. Delinquent letters will be mailed out to the residents this week.
- Occupational Licenses as of today – 283. Delinquent letters will be mailed out to the businesses this week.

Police Chief Comments:

- Thanked Lieutenant Murdock for doing the December and annual police reports.
- SafeWise.com – The City of Wilder was listed as one of the safest cities in Kentucky.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Chief Neyman distributed his end of the year report to council.
- Welcomed Councilwoman Meiser and Decker to council.

Park and Rec Report:

- City Administrator Vance stated the committee is working with Viox to complete the park study.

Maintenance Report:

- The entrance sign that was hit by the driver was put back up today.
- The highway department fixed the dip in the road.

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Council Comments:

Councilman Honaker:

- Congratulated Councilwoman Meiser and Decker and Congratulated Mayor Arnold.
- Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Congratulated Mayor Arnold.
- Welcomed Councilwoman Meiser and Decker.
- Thanked all the guest in the audience.
- Councilwoman Jones took a ride on the firetruck through the city.
 - Observatory Point – several trucks and vans were parked on the street and it was hard to navigate the firetruck.
 - City Administrator Vance will pursue the issue on Observatory Point.
- Fire station update – Thanked Councilman Honaker and Arnold for all of their help and hard work on this committee. Welcomed new member Jim Proffitt to the committee. The committee did meet with MSP to kick off the design phase of the project and the meeting went very well. They set the goals and objectives for the project. They are ready to launch the project. The next meeting will be the week of January 14, 2019.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Congratulated Mayor Arnold.
- Councilman Proffitt looks forward to helping the city and council in any way he can.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Congratulated Mayor Arnold.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thanked everyone for their warm welcome.
- Congratulated Mayor Arnold.
- Excited to be on council.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Thanked everyone for their warm welcome.
- Congratulated Mayor Arnold.

Committee Reports:

- Emailed committee assignments to council.
- Description of the liaison and committee roles were also distributed by Mayor Arnold.
- Comprehensive plan meeting is set for next Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

Mayor's Concluding Comments:

- Mayor Arnold will be attending the KLC seminar in Lexington on January 16, 17 and 18, 2019.

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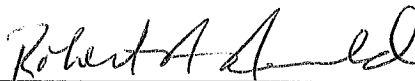
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- Councilwoman Meiser, Jones and Councilman Profitt attended a mini version in Florence a couple of weeks ago.
- Staff meeting was held last week with all the department heads and the maintenance department on January 4, 2019. Mayor Arnold would like to update the policy manual.
- Mayor Arnold would like the focus this year of the city to be Economic Development. He would like City Administrator Vance to take the point of Economic Development in the city.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on January 21, 2019.


Robert A. Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk