

# CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

July 1, 2019

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, July 1, 2019 at the Wilder City Building, 520 Licking Pike, Wilder, Kentucky 41071.

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 Sandy Decker, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Bob Blankenship, Councilman Jim Profitt, and Councilman Jerry Sebastian.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

**Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the Minutes of June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Mayor's Introductory Comments:**

- Welcomed Councilman Sebastian to his first meeting back on Council. Jerry was previously a Councilman.
- Resolution appointing Chad Martin as the new Police Chief.

## **Introduction of Guests/Public Comments:**

Mayor Arnold welcomed Chief Martin's family in attendance.

## **Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 19-0701: **A Resolution appointing Chad B. Martin to the position of Police Chief for the City of Wilder, Kentucky to be effective July 1, 2019 at the rate of pay prescribed by Ordinance.**

Mayor Arnold commented on the process for selecting the Chief. There were no questions.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve Resolution No. 19-0701: **A Resolution appointing Chad Martin to the position of Police Chief for the City of Wilder, Kentucky, effective July 1, 2019 at the rate of pay prescribed by Ordinance. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.**

**Chad was sworn in as the Police Chief by Attorney Verst.**

Applause and congratulations ensued.

**City Administrator's Report:**

- Fire House plans are open for anyone to look at in the conference room. The next meeting will be on 7/19/19.
- Street replacement plans for Bentwood, Vista Pointe and West John Hill are also available in the conference room. Bid openings will be 7/9/19 at 10:00 a.m. for the resurfacing. Bentwood Hills and the slide problem will not be done until late this year or early next year. Estimated probable cost is \$31,000.
- There has been storm water issues on Elm Street. A few houses have flooded. The issue is a private property matter.
- Moody's Bond Rating is A1, which is very good for a small city. The bids on the bonds will be submitted tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. to identify interest rates. It is a blended fixed rate over 30 years.
- Recreation had trouble with the van. Chief Newman was thanked for his connection to get a van for the children's fieldtrips.
- The dock at Fredrick's Landing has lost its ramp into the river with the last flood.
- Dredging has not been done yet.
- The Campbell County Emergency Operations Plan was displayed and Council was encouraged to read as Wilder will be adopting the plan.

**Department Reports:**

**Treasurer Report:**

- Juanita Schultz was not in attendance. Karen Schlipf filled in and had no comment.

**Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Profitt to approve the financial reports and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending 5/31/19. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Police Chief Comments:**

- Chief Martin had no report, but thanked the Mayor, staff, and police department for their support.

**Fire Chief Comments:**

- Chief Neyman congratulated Chief Martin.
- Touch a Truck is August 6, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Children are welcomed to enter police and fire vehicles, as well as bulldozers and tractors.

**Park and Rec Report:**

- Progress has been made with the Steel Plant noise complaints. Assistant City Administrator Norris talked about their actions so far to improve the issue, as well as the sound study they are planning to start. There are a few monitoring equipment offsite and a few onsite to identify specific sounds to pinpoint issues and receive recommendations from an expert to minimize the impact on the community. Their staff is also being educated on how to transport pipe to minimize sound.
  - Discussion ensued regarding the sound at the Steel Plant.

**Maintenance Report:**

- No comment.

**Council Comments:****Councilwoman Jones:**

- Not in Attendance.

**Councilman Proffitt:**

- Congratulated Chief Martin.
- Thanked Officer Vance for helping with the person with a flat tire and checking the welfare of his granddaughter after she dialed 911 on accident.

**Councilman Blankenship:**

- Welcomed Chief Martin.
- Councilman Blankenship questioned the status with Licking Pike. City Administrator Vance answered that it is a danger for people to drive through and it will remain closed until later this week.
- Asked what kind of tasks Intern Sydney Auteri has been working on. City Administrator Vance answered that she has mostly been working with City Clerk Schultz and it would be a better time to ask her at the next meeting since she was not in attendance.

**Councilwoman Meiser:**

- Congratulated Chief Martin.
- Communication on Facebook about landslide has been very useful.
- Brought pictures from Homerama for the plans for basketball courts and other outdoor options.

**Councilwoman Decker:**

- Spoke with City Administrator about getting flags for the city and plans to talk with her brother that works for Duke to get permission to hang them on poles around the city and at the city building.

**Councilman Sebastian**

- Thanked the Council for the opportunity to be a Councilmember again.
- Congratulated Chief Martin.
- Has reviewed prior minutes since he was not on Council and he commented there is a lot of good things happening in Wilder and he looks forward to being a part of it.

**Mayor's Concluding Comments:**

- Thanked Officer Vance for helping the lady with the flat tire.
- Chief Williams' Retirement party is Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Raises will be finalized this week.
- City wide yard sale on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

**Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Sebastian to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Arnold 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 July 15, 2019.



Robert A. Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Juanita Schultz - City Clerk