

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

February 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, February 18, 2020 at the Wilder City Building, 520 Licking Pike, Wilder, Kentucky 41071.

Lords Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Roll call was answered by Councilwoman Sandy Decker, Councilman Robert Blankenship, Councilwoman Valerie Jones, Councilman Jim Profitt and Councilman Jerry Sebastian.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2019 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of Guests/Public Comments:

Mayor's Report:

- No comments.

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- Mayor Arnold introduced Mary Jo Wedding. Ms. Wedding is running for Kentucky State Representative. There will be a special election on February 25, 2020 to fill a vacant seat. Ms. Wedding introduced herself and told council a little bit about herself.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 20-0201: **An Ordinance of the City of Wilder, Campbell County, Kentucky, Amending Ordinance No. 19-1001 and Chapter 115 Section 115.04 (B) (2) of the Wilder Municipal Code Eliminating the Minimum Fee on the Gross Receipts tax in the City and keeping the \$50.00 Occupational License fee regulations and taxes on those engaged in franchises, trades, occupations, professions and other businesses.**

Discussion ensued regarding the Occupational License.

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Mayor Arnold stated this is the first reading on this Ordinance. The second reading will be at the next meeting and a vote will be taken at that time.

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 20-0202: **A Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, and establishing the term of office for that member.**

Joe Beckmeyer has moved out of the city. The Mayor would like to appoint Jonathan Hickman to the position.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Sebastian to approve Resolution No. 20-0202: **A Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, and establishing the term of office for that member. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 20-0203: **A Resolution terminating a lease and forfeiting all rights to parcels of land identified in miscellaneous book 76 page 20 at the Campbell County Courthouse by the City of Wilder, Kentucky.**

Discussion ensued regarding the lease that the City has on a piece of property that used to be the old Feldman Dairy, now the Next Level. The City no longer has a vested interest in this property.

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Resolution No. 20-0203: **A Resolution terminating a lease and forfeiting all rights to parcels of land identified in miscellaneous book 76 page 20 at the Campbell County Courthouse by the City of Wilder. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 20-0204: **A Resolution terminating a roadway easement and forfeiting all rights to said easement on lots 3, 4, and 5 of the Wilder Industrial Park.**

Discussion ensued about terminating a roadway easement and forfeiting all rights.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Resolution No. 20-0204: **A Resolution terminating a roadway easement and forfeiting all rights to said easement on lots 3, 4, and 5 of the Wilder Industrial Park. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.**

Each year an Annual Report needs to be filed with the Secretary of State with the Wilder Public Property Project Corporation listing our officers and directors. The filing cost \$15.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Sebastian to remove Robert Honaker and to appoint Valerie Jones to Vice President and Director. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

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City Administrator's Report:

- City Administrator Vance and Mayor Arnold met with the Kentucky Transportation Department on February 12, 2020 to go over the City Center plans and how it could involve the Kentucky Transportation Department. The meeting went okay. They will meet with them again in the future.
- The environmental assessment for the Land Water Conservation Fund Grant is on the City's webpage. It will be on there until March 23, 2020. There will also be an ad in the paper.
- There will be a Planning and Zoning meeting on February 24, 2020. Development plans for Fairfield Inn will be on the agenda.
- Duke Energy – LED lights were approved by council back in November. The motion was approved to not to exceed \$76,946.50. The City has added about 12 more lights. The new amount is \$84,009.38.

Discussion ensued regarding the new amount for the LED lights.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Jones to modify the dollar amount for the LED lights from \$76,946.50 to not to exceed \$90,000. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Thanked Karen Schlipf for all of her work getting the departments together for pictures and all her work on the new webpage.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the financial reports and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending 1/31/2020. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Comments:

- Thanked Jason for his work on the city vehicles.
- Thanked Aaron for cleaning all the carpets in the police department.
- There is a military surplus where law enforcement can purchase items through a website. The police department has not utilized this program in the past. Officer Peak took this over and the department has recently been awarded over \$20,000 in equipment.
- Last Friday Sergeant Comte was on patrol in front of Bobby Macke's and was flagged down by Denise Macke. There was a gentlemen who had their bouncer at gun point. Sergeant Comte did a great job to get the gentlemen to drop his weapon.

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Fire Chief Comments:

- Fish Frys start February 28, 2020.
- Burn ban – February 15 through April 30 - there is no burning before 6:00 p.m. You can burn after 6:00 p.m.

Park and Rec Report:

- Recreation Director's job has been posted.

Maintenance Report:

- Jason and Aaron are working hard on different projects.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Decker:

- No comment.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Not in Attendance.

Councilman Blankenship:

- John's Hill Road – an area on John's Hill Road is starting to wash away again.

Councilman Profitt:

- Councilman Profitt attended the fire departments EMS training.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Thanked the officers for watching her house while she was on vacation.
- Next construction meeting is February 25, 2020.

Councilman Sebastian:

- No comment.

Mayor Arnold Concluding Comments:

- Tenaris is laying off employees in early April.
- The city was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Reds Community Fund.

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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 8:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on March 2, 2020.



Robert Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk