

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

March 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, March 1, 2021 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 Councilman Bob Blankenship, Councilman Jim Proffitt, Councilwoman Sandy Decker, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Andy Williams and Councilwoman Valerie Jones.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the minutes of February 1, 2020 Special Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Arnold's Report:

- Welcomed everyone back to in-person meeting.
- Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled.
- Welcomed all the guest in the audience.
- Comprehensive Plan update will be given at the meeting tonight.

Introduction of Guests/Public Comments:

- Greg Morris – 152 Three Mile Road. Mr. Morris is concerned with the new developments on Three Mile Road. He is concerned with the flooding in his yard and all the garbage that washes up in his yard from the backup after a hard rain. Mr. Morris sent City Administrator Vance some videos of the flooding on February 28, 2021 from the hard rain. The flooding and the sanitation issue is getting worse. He would like to see the sanitation tank completed and not only completed but also operational to make sure it addresses the flooding and sanitation issues on Three Mile before they move forward with the new development. Mr. Morris stated that is not opposed to the project but he would like for everyone to do the right thing. He would like for everyone to come together and work together to fix the flooding issue and then allow the project to move forward.

- Kevin Scott – 140 Three Mile Road. Mr. Scott stated the hard rain is eroding the bank around his bridge and it is also removing and washing away the rock bags under the bridge. Sanitation District did come out to clean up the mess from the February 28, 2021 flooding. They took a firehose and washed all the nasty stuff right into the creek. In the process of doing that it caused more erosion to his yard leading to the bank. Mr. Morris has asked the Sanitation District to come out and fix the issue by diverting the water away from that area. He feels it is not his responsibility to do the work. He thinks with some soil, gravel and bobcat work it would help. They did reply back to him that they will come out and look at the issue. He would like to see the sanitation tank complete and then move forward with the new development.

Mayor Arnold stated that council hears their concerns and council will work with them. He encourages them to continue to communicate with the Sanitation Department.

- Assistant City Clerk Schlipf stated Mary Sturk, (a resident of Bentwood Hills), was on Facebook Live and she is concerned about the added vehicle load and the stability of the hillside in regards to the new Fischer Development.

Attorney's Report:

- Not in attendance.

Amanda Webb with Grand Communities, LLC, they are the the affiliated developer for Fischer Homes, gave a presentation of the new development. The development is called The Overlook at Sunrock. Ms. Webb gave a detailed presentation that was also presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission last month. Presentation is on file.

- Discussion ensued regarding the Fischer Development.

City Administrator Vance presented Ordinance No. 21-0201: **An Ordinance amending the official zoning map of the City of Wilder from R-3, R-2, R-1A and R-RE to R-1B/RCD for property located at the southwest corner of Bentwood Hills Drive and Three Mile Road specifically on the attached map from Link GIS. (First Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilman Williams to accept Ordinance No. 21-0201. **An Ordinance amending the official zoning map of the City of Wilder from R-3, R-2, R-1A and R-RE to R-1B/RCD for property located at the southwest corner of Bentwood Hills Drive and Three Mile Road specifically on the attached map from Link GIS. (First Reading) Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.**

City Administrator Vance presented Resolution No. 21-0301: **A Resolution of the City of Wilder, Kentucky authorizing the Mayor to sign and file a Community Development Block CV Grant application in the amount of \$200,000 to provide utility relief funding to residents.**

- Discussion ensued regarding the utility relief funding for residents.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Profitt to accept Resolution No. 21-0301. **A Resolution of the City of Wilder, Kentucky authorizing the Mayor to sign and file a Community Development Block CV Grant application in the amount of \$200,000 to provide utility relief funding to residents. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Assistant City Administrator Report:

- Upgraded the postage machine last month to save some money.
- Duke Energy has a contract that will be replacing the sub system on North Street.
- Assistant City Administrator Norris asked council to declare surplus a Stairmaster Free Runner, Schwinn 2301 Recumbent Bicycle, a Sony Tube TV/VCR combo and our old phone system from the city building, north and south fire stations.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to authorize Chuck Norris to surplus Stairmaster Free Runner, Schwinn 2301 Recumbent Bicycle, a Sony Tube TV/VCR combo and our old phone system from the city building, north and south fire station. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator's Report:

- City Administrator Vance will be preparing an RFP for three properties and he will be mailing the RFP to about 20 developers to be returned by the end of April. The three properties are John's Hill Road/Licking Pike, the Bank Lot, and the 2 houses across the street from the city building.
- Working on the economic development lot overlooking the amphitheater and still working on the amphitheater. The Mayor and City Administrator Vance met with a prospect for the sale of the North Fire House. The sale is still pending on the South Fire House.

City Administrator Vance and Assistant City Administrator Norris gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan. They gave an update on the land use and economic development matrix part of the plan. Presentation is on file.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Not in attendance.

Assistant City Clerk:

- Ten residents are signed up for the Community Garden.
- Asked people to sign up for the newsletter at wilderky.gov.

Police Chief Comments:

- Thanked the police department for a great job during the excessive snow fall last month. They did an outstanding job.

Fire Chief Comments:

- The department is completing their paramedic refresher class this week.
- Fish Fry update – The first drive-thru fish fry went well. The next fish fry is March 12, 2021.

Park and Rec Report:

- Splash pad update - Working through the issues with the splash pad to get it operational and inspected by spring. Assistant City Administrator Norris reached out to MSP and left a message regarding the splash pad issue. Will update council at the next meeting.

Maintenance Report:

- Maintenance was extremely busy with all the snow and ice over the last couple of weeks.
- Maintenance did an excellent job on clearing the streets. Thanked Aaron and Jason, the fire and police departments for all of their help with the snow removal.
- The large sign at the entrance of Frederick's Landing was hit. There were minor repairs done to the sign.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Decker:

- No comment.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thanked Public Works for doing such a great job on the snow removal.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Thanked Public Works for doing such a great job on the snow removal.

Councilman Profitt:

- Thanked Public Works for doing such a great job on the snow removal.
- Thanked all the police officers for doing such a great job and complimented them on the letters received by people driving through the city.
- Councilman Profitt stated he heard nothing but good things about the Fish Fry last month.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Thanked Public Works for doing such a great job on the snow removal. She heard nothing but compliments.
- Thanked the police officers for doing such a great job.
- Thanked her neighbor, Sheila Horan, for pursuing a grant for the City Garden.

Councilman Williams:

- Thanked Public Works, the fire and police departments for doing such a great job.

Mayor Arnold Concluding Comments:

- They Mayor would like to hire a full or part time Park and Recreation Specialist. More information to come.
- City Administrator Vance will be reaching back out to the business community in the near future. The Mayor would like to see meetings in the hall with the businesses or zoom meetings.
- The Mayor would like to implement a "Wilder Business Hall of Fame". He asked Councilman Blankenship and Councilman Profitt to work with him to recognize some of Wilder's business leaders.
- Beautification update: The Mayor gave a short presentation of his vision for the garden setting. There are three areas he would like to see develop.
 1. Memorial area.
 2. Landscape area.
 3. Garden area with food trucks and a beer garden.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on March 15, 2021.


Robert Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk