

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

May 3, 2021

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, May 3, 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 Williams, Councilwoman Sandy Decker, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Jim Profitt and Councilwoman Valerie Jones.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve the minutes of April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Arnold's Report:

- Thanked Councilwoman Jones for filling in as Mayor Pro Tem at the last meeting.
- City Administrator Vance and Assistant Administrator Norris will give a presentation on a section of the Comprehensive Plan.
- There will be a discussion at the end of the meeting regarding the budget.

Introduction of Guests/Public Comments:

Mr. Pfitzer lives at 7 Elm Street. He is concerned with the traffic down Licking Pike from Newport to the Expressway. He stated there is a lot of speeding and reckless driving. Mr. Pfitzer asked for police to step up patrol to slow down motorist.

Mayor Arnold reassured Mr. Pfitzer there will be more of a police presence on Licking Pike.

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Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 21-0501: **A Resolution of the City of Wilder, Kentucky appointing Carl L. Harris Jr. to the position of Full Time Patrolman for the Wilder Police Department.**

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Resolution NO. 21-0501: **A Resolution of the City of Wilder, Kentucky appointing Carl L. Harris Jr. to the position of Full Time Patrolman for the Wilder Police Department.** Mayor Arnold called for a vote. **Motion carried.**

Officer Harris was sworn in by Attorney Verst.

Officer Harris introduced his family.

Attorney Verst prepared the deed for the lot at the North Fire Station that was owned by the Insurance Company. The Insurance Company signed the deed giving back Lot #33 to the City. Mayor Arnold will sign the deed on behalf of the City.

Assistant City Administrator Report:

- Everyone is working hard and moving forward.

City Administrator's Report:

- City Administrator Vance received an email regarding drones in the City. He will look into this issue and he will report back to council with more information.
- "The Gardens" update – City Administrator Vance received a bid from Arc Electric for \$9,980 for the electric needed at "The Gardens".
 - Discussion ensued regarding the bid. City Council would like City Administrator Vance to receive other electrical bids.

Upon motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to authorize City Administrator Vance to accept an electrical bid for the work at "The Gardens" not to exceed \$10,000. In addition, City Council asked City Administrator Vance to seek other bids for the electrical work at the "The Gardens". Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

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Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Movie Night June 26, 2021 at dusk.
- Yard Sale May 14, 15, and 16.
- The city hired a part time recreation person. Her name is Tori Kuechler. She will be working 20 hours a week.
- Summer Program June 7 to July 23.

Police Chief Comments:

- Thanked Chief Neyman and his department for their help blocking the streets and expressway ramps for the Vice President's visit to the area.
- Thanked Sergeant Collins and Jason Richardson from Public Works for all of their work on the cruisers. They have worked together to do as much of the cruiser maintenance that they can and save the city a lot of money. This has helped him cut a lot of maintenance cost out of his budget.

Fire Chief Comments:

- CPR Class – 72 people are signed up for two CPR classes that will be held on May 12, 2021.

Park and Rec Report:

- Splash pad update – Progress is being made. Materials should be arriving this week to repair the splash pad in order for it to pass state inspection. The target date is Memorial Day if all goes well.
- Spring Cleanup – Well attended. Jason and Aaron worked Saturday and Sunday.
- Community Garden – Depending on the weather the garden boxes should be ready by the end of the week. Assistant City Administrator Vance will be meeting with the gardeners to go over the rules and the agreement.

Councilman Profitt asked if the City could hire some seasonal help for Public Works.

- Mayor Arnold stated he will discuss this with Assistant City Administrator Norris.

Maintenance Report:

- No comment.

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Council Comments:

Councilwoman Decker:

- Welcomed Carl Harris to the City.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Excited about all the new things going on at the City.
- Thanked Sergeant Collins and Jason Richardson for saving the City money by working on the police cruisers.
- Welcomed Carl Harris to the City.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Not in attendance.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Welcomed Carl Harris to the City.
- Thanked all the departments for their hard work.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Congratulated and welcomed Carl Harris to the City.
- Thanked City Administrator Vance for his work addressing and clarifying the recreational vehicle ordinance in the recent newsletter.
- Thanked the Parks and Recreation team for all of their hard work.
- Thanked Sergeant Collins and Jason Richardson for saving the City money by working on the police cruisers.

Councilman Williams:

- Welcomed Carl Harris to the City.

City Administrator Vance and Assistant City Administrator Norris gave a presentation on a section of the Comprehensive Plan. The section was Public and Semi-Public Facilities and Services.

City Administrator Vance gave a presentation on a development at Frederick's Landing. More information to come. Mayor Arnold thanked City Administrator Vance for his presentation.

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Mayor Arnold Concluding Comments:

- Mayor Arnold would like to have an Employee Appreciation Day at “The Gardens” on June 5 from 5 to 7.
- Budget Update – Mayor Arnold explained how council approves the budget without knowing the actual tax rate for that year. The tax rate is not presented to council until August of that budget year; which is after the budget has been approved. Mayor would like council to set the tax rate based off last year’s numbers from Northern Kentucky Area Development District.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the FY21/22 budget.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on May 17, 2021.



Robert Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk