

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

February 7, 2022

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, February 7, 2022 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 Kelly Meiser, Councilman Jim Profitt, Councilwoman Valerie Jones, Councilwoman Sandy Decker, Councilman Andrew Williams and Councilman Robert Blankenship.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the minutes of January 3, 2022 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Arnold Report:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Thanked Public Works for their hard work on the snow and ice.

Introduction of Guests/Public Comments:

- Judge Executive Steve Pendery was in attendance.
 - Judge Pendery spoke to council about Regionalism and how people can profit from this. He explained that Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties have been working together for years to provide Fiber Optic Cable to all their residents but the cost was too high. Recently the three counties partnered with Cincinnati Bell for Fiber Optic Cable; they will provide the very best service to all the residents and businesses in Northern Kentucky. Cincinnati Bell is offering the Affinity Program to everyone. They predict they can offer the service to all residents within three years.

Attorney's Report:

- Nothing to Report.

Assistant City Administrator's Report:

- Assistant City Administrator Norris applied for a Cyber Security Grant through KLC. The grant was awarded to Wilder for \$5,000.
- Surplus - Kawasaki Mule update – The city received three bids. The highest bid was \$1501.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to accept the highest bid of \$1501 for the Kawasaki Mule. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

- City Administrator Vance and Mayor Arnold met with several different developers on several different properties the city owns and they also met with developers on some of the private property in the city.
- The Fischer Development is in discussion and ongoing.
- The Neyer property is also in discussion. More discussion and more information to come regarding the Neyer property.
- Wildfire Brewery will be in front of Planning and Zoning at the end of the month. They hope to be open in June of 2022.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Update on Property Taxes - \$29,800 delinquent. Delinquent letters were mailed out.

Councilwoman Jones stated there are programs available which might help businesses in need as a result of the pandemic. She recalled from the ARPA training that assisting small businesses is eligible for ARPA funds.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the financial reports and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending 12/31/2021. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Police Chief Comments:

- Sergeant Comte will be retiring February 28th, 2022.

Fire Chief Comments:

- New Ambulance has arrived.
- Drive-thru Fish Frys start March 4.

Park and Rec Report:

- No comment.

Maintenance Report:

- Jason and Aaron worked very hard the last few days on the snow and ice. They worked over 84 hours the last three days. They will continue to work on the streets the next couple of days.

Council Comments:**Councilwoman Decker:**

- Thanked Public Works for all they did on the streets of Wilder during the storm.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thanked Public Works for their hard work during the storm.
- Thanked Sergeant Collins for his help.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Thanked Public Works for clearing the streets.
- The guardrail is up on John's Hill Road.
- Thanked Judge Executive Pendery for coming to the meeting.
- Councilman Blankenship asked for more information on open meetings. Mayor Arnold stated if there is a doubt to contact Attorney Verst.
- Councilman Blankenship asked for an update on the Police Retention. Mayor Arnold stated he will be giving an update at the end of the meeting.

Councilman Profitt:

- Councilman Profitt also asked for an update on the Police Retention.

Councilman Williams:

- Thanked Public Works for doing such a great job on clearing the city streets during the storm.
- Congratulated Sergeant Comte on his retirement.

Councilwoman Jones:

- **Update on the ARPA Listening meeting** – Councilwoman Jones handed out to Mayor Arnold and City Administrator Vance a PowerPoint packet that she put together from the surveys. Councilwoman Jones also handed out to all of council all the ideas that the citizens offered on their surveys; this will be attached to the minutes. 67 surveys have been completed as of today.
 - Councilwoman Jones went through the ideas with council.
- Thanked Public Works for the great job they did during the snowstorm.

Mayor Arnold concluding comments.

- Mayor Arnold stated he sent a copy of the police retention contract to council.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the police retention contract.
- Mayor Arnold thanked Councilwoman Meiser for her input on the contract.
- Mayor Arnold asked council to look over the contract and if there were any questions to contact him.
- Mayor Arnold asked council to funnel their questions to him or the liaison of each department.

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 8:29 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on February 22, 2022.



Robert Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk