

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

February 22, 2022

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, February 22, 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 Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022 Special Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Arnold Report:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mayor Arnold presented Sergeant Jules Comte with a Proclamation. Mayor read the Proclamation at the meeting. Sergeant Comte will retire on February 28, 2022. The Mayor acknowledged that on February 25, 2022, Jules last full day of employment will be recognized as "Jules Comte Day" in the City of Wilder, Kentucky.

Introduction of Guests/Public Comments:

- Greg Schultz was in attendance. He spoke regarding the Fire Department Regional Grant. The departments participating in this grant is Southern Campbell, Southgate/Wilder and Burlington.

Attorney's Report:

- Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 22-0201: **An Ordinance amending the police department policy and procedures manual by amending policy number 39 computer policy, policy number 39-1 CJTS, link, NCIC and NLETS records access and adding policy number 39-2 misuse of CJIS disciplinary policy.**
 - Discussion ensued regarding the policy changes. Mayor will ask council to vote on Ordinance No. 22-0201 at the next council meeting.

Attorney Verst updated council on the suit with Ken Perry concerning the South Fire station. Ken Perry's attorney called Attorney Verst and said he would be sending an agreed order of dismissal on this case. Mayor Arnold thanked Chuck and Attorney Verst for their work on this case.

Assistant City Administrator's Report:

- Assistant City Administrator Norris stated the 2014 Charger, 4 door, all-wheel drive was sold on Gov.deals for \$8,000.
- Assistant City Administrator Norris informed council with all the rain the last couple of days the roof is leaking in several spots. He stated council may need address this issue in the near future.
- Update on Boswell Contract: Assistant City Administrator Norris stated the Mayor sent a letter out several months ago and Chuck followed up with another letter that was certified and Mr. Boswell has not contacted the city at this time to set up a plan to pay back the balance on the contract.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the next step regarding the Boswell contract.

Upon motion of Councilman Profit, seconded by Councilman Williams to table the discussion regarding the Boswell contract until June of 2022 and have Assistant City Administrator Norris pursue other avenues to collect the balance. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

- Fischer Grand Communities would like the city to consider Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB) to support the development of the Sunrock project. This project is a multi-product residential community consisting of approximately 1,100 – 1,400 units. There will be about 488 of these units located in Wilder. The request from Fischer is:
 - IRB Term for 30 Years
 - PILOT % paid to taxing authorities would be 50%. (Pilot Payments are payments in lieu of taxes.)
 - The same request is also being made to the City of Southgate.

Councilwoman Jones asked City Administrator Vance for the costs anticipated with the Fischer Development. City Administrator Vance commented he would get her that information.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the IRB for Fischer Grand Communities.

The Mayor stated council has two questions to answer:

1. Do you want to participate in the IRB?
2. What should that agreement look like?

Council requested City Administrator Vance to contact Fischer Development and have them attend a council meeting to answer questions regarding the IRB and the development.

- Neyer bought the Rumpke Property. They would like to build a 25 to 50 million dollar development on this property. IRB's are also on the table with this property. This property does not have a water line in front of the site. The city needs to make a decision if they want to structure an agreement that helps pay for the waterline. Without this waterline, they cannot build on this property. Council would like to move forward and receive more information regarding the Neyer Property.

Councilwoman Meiser asked City Administrator Vance for a total cost for the amphitheater. He stated he will get her that information.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Nothing to Report.

Police Chief Comments:

- Nothing to report.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Drive-thru Fish Frys start March 4.

Park and Rec Report:

- Nothing to report.

Maintenance Report:

- Assistant City Administrator Norris contacted the Kentucky Road Department regarding the pot hole at 730 John's Hill Road. The state will come out to address the issue as soon as possible.

Police Contract:

- Mayor Arnold asked council if they had any questions or comments regarding the modified police contract.
- Councilman Blankenship asked the mayor to clarify a couple questions on the payment dates. Mayor Arnold stated he will look at both of those issues.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked if part of the payout amount could be moved from July 2025 and be paid out in July 2022. Mayor Arnold stated the officers are okay with the current contract. The mayor also stated the incentive is for the officer to stay and get the payout in 2025. He said if the city does not generate and create more revenue there will be two choices - one is to raise taxes and the other is to cut services. He would recommend not making any changes to the current contract.
- Juanita informed council that the cost of living is 5.9% this year; several cities are giving 5 to 8 percent raises. She asked council to look at all the employees at the city.
- Councilwoman Decker asked the mayor if they could do something similar for the fire department. The Mayor said he would not initiate a plan for the fire department but if council wanted to bring something forward he would entertain their suggestions.
- Councilwoman Jones asked if a motion needed to be made in order to approve the contract. Attorney Verst stated as long as council agree and provide for the financing council does not need to do anything further pertaining to the contract.
- Councilman Profitt stated he thinks the city needs more development so council can provide for all the employees. He said he was a little worried about the revenues. Mayor Arnold agreed.

Council Comments:**Councilwoman Decker:**

- Congratulated Sergeant Comte on his retirement.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Councilwoman Meiser went on a ride along with Sergeant Jacob Zink last week. She thanked Officer Zink for his time.
- Congratulated Sergeant Comte on his retirement.
- Property evaluations have gone up dramatically.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Congratulated Sergeant Comte on his retirement.

Councilman Profitt:

- Congratulated Sergeant Comte on his retirement. He will be missed.
- Councilman Profitt asked for an update on Ipsco. Mayor Arnold said he had an email exchange with their public relations person last week and he had no information to share at this time.

Councilman Williams:

- No comment.

Councilwoman Jones:

- No comment.

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 9:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on March 7, 2022.



Robert Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk