

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

March 7, 2022

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, March 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 Meiser to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Arnold Report:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Last week Mayor Arnold and City Administrator Vance met with representatives of the Fischer Development. Fischer brought to the meeting, Wilder resident Olivia Birkenhauer and Mr. Reser, who owns Reser Bike Shop. They proposed Wilder working with them to complete a trail from Newport through Wilder. There was also discussion about the Town Center. Mayor Arnold invited Fischer Development to come to the next council meeting and they accepted the offer. They will attend the March 21, 2022 council meeting.

Introduction of Guests/Public Comments:

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 CJIS, link, NCIC and NLETS records access and adding policy number 39-2 misuse of CJIS disciplinary policy. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve 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. (Second Reading) Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 22-0301: **An Ordinance increasing compensation of the City Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment members for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (First Reading)**

Mayor Arnold proposed an increase for Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment members from \$20 to \$40.

Councilman Profitt asked council to increase Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment members from \$20 to \$50 a meeting. Council agreed. The Ordinance will be adjusted for the next meeting. A vote will be taken at the mid-month meeting.

Assistant City Administrator's Report:

- Assistant City Administrator Norris met with the Camper/Trailer Committee and they decided that there would be no changes to the existing Ordinance. Councilwoman Jones stated the committee would also like to have the Ordinance printed in the next newsletter to reiterate the City's policy on campers and trailers.
- Duke Energy will be working on the transmission line that goes across I-275 between John's Hill Road and Three Mile. That project will start this month and go through May.
- Roof Update – There are several leaks in the City Building. The roof needs to be replaced. Assistant City Administrator Norris reached out to the original engineer regarding replacing the roof and if it would have to be replaced with a ballasted roof. He is waiting for the engineer to get back with him. The letter was sent over a year ago.
 - Mayor Arnold asked council if there was any objections for Assistant City Administrator Norris to start getting bids for the roof. There were no objections.

City Administrator Report:

- The Garden's Update: The scope has changed for the electrical work at the Garden's. City Administrator Vance reached out to the four electricians that bid the electrical work the last time. As soon as he receives any information from the electricians he will send it out to council.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Nothing to Report.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the financial reports and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending 1/31/2022. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Jones asked for an update on the delinquent property taxes. Juanita stated the amount delinquent is \$17,400. She also stated she is working with both businesses that are delinquent on their tangible taxes and feels confident those will be paid soon.

Police Chief Comments:

- Policy for the FBI audit is tomorrow.
- The Reaccreditation audit and the KLC audit will be next and council will see more policy changes.
- The opening for police officer is posted on social media. There have been no applications submitted at this point.

Fire Chief Comments:

- The paramedics completed their yearly 48 hour paramedic refresher course last month.
- Fish Fry went very well. Chief Neyman thanked Councilwoman Meiser and Councilwoman Jones for volunteering at the Fish Fry.

Councilwoman Jones commented the fire department did an excellent job working the fish fry.

Park and Rec Report:

- Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 10th at 12:30. There will be a grill out following the Easter egg hunt.
- Community Gardens – If anyone is interested in a community garden contact Assistant City Administrator Norris. There are 18 plots.
- City Center Park Shelter rentals – Monday through Thursday the rental for 4 hours is \$25. Friday, Saturday and Sunday the rental fee will be \$40 and the rental hours will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Councilwoman Jones asked if the city will be doing a Farmer's Market this year. Assistant City Administrator Norris stated if someone would like to coordinate it to let him know.

Maintenance Report:

- Nothing to Report.

Councilman Profitt asked if the city would be hiring part time help for Public Works this summer.

Mayor Arnold stated he definitely wants to hire some part time help for Public Works and he will be talking to Chuck this week.

Mayor Arnold Comments:

- Mayor Arnold passed out two handouts of information he put together to share with council.
 - One handout reflected the number of employees in each department, the turnover in each department and the number of employees hired in the last couple of years. Mayor Arnold stated there has been a lot of turnover in the police department in the last couple years and that is what started the conversation regarding the retention program/contract with the police officers. Mayor Arnold stated Fire, Public Works and Recreation are stable departments, with hardly any turnover and because of that he doesn't feel a contract is needed in these departments.
 - Mayor Arnold also handed out the salary of all full time employees by department. The salary reflects their total salary for the year which includes, overtime, incentive, and ARPA payout.
 - Mayor Arnold shared a handout with council of the City's revenues in the last three years. Mayor asked for ideas from council to generate more revenue. The Mayor feels the future for the city is in economic development.
 - Councilman Profitt stated the city needs to move forward with some kind of economic development.
 - Councilwoman Meiser stated she is interested in Neyer but she said she would like to see more of a cost analysis for the Fischer Development. She commented there is two sides to the development; there is additional revenue but there is also additional expenses.
 - Councilwoman Jones stated it is important to know the total cost to the city for each development. She would like to see council take each proposal one at a time and evaluate them based off the cost and the revenue. She also stated economic development is important to the city.

Discussion ensued regarding economic development in the city.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Decker:

- Councilwoman Decker would like the city to hire a lawn care company to maintain the grounds around the city building.
 - Mayor Arnold stated he will talk to Assistant City Administrator Norris regarding a landscape company for the city grounds.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- The sign by Wesley Overlook is still not up on John's Hill Road.

Councilman Blankenship:

- No comment.

Councilman Profitt:

- No comment.

Councilman Williams:

- No comment.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Thanked Juanita for her help.

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 8:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on March 21, 2022.



Robert Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk