

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

April 18, 2022

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, April 18, 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, Councilman Robert Blankenship, Councilman Andy Williams and Councilwoman Sandy Decker.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve the minutes of April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Arnold Report:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Mayor Arnold thanked everyone for all of their help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Great turnout and it was a great day.

Introduction of Guests/Public Comments:

- Mike Ruscher was in attendance. He lives on Wesley Drive.
- Brad Murphy was in attendance. He lives on Observatory Pointe Drive.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 22-0401: **A Resolution authorizing an application by the City of Wilder for a recreational trails program grant, setting aside the matching funds.**

- City Administrator Vance handed out drawings and information he received from Viox. He also handed out the estimated cost of the trail. The grant is an 80/20 match. This information will be attached to the minutes. This is a federal grant. The Recreational Trails Program is limited to funding a maximum of eighty percent of the proposed project costs estimated at \$688,000.

Discussion ensued regarding the Recreational Trails Program Grant.

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve Resolution No. 22-0401: **A Resolution authorizing an application by the City of Wilder for a recreational trails program grant, setting aside the matching funds. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Assistant City Administrator's Report:

- Assistant City Administrator Norris received two bids back for the roof on the city building. The lowest bid is Holland Roofing and the amount is \$123, 580.

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the lowest bid from Holland Roofing to replace the roof. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

- Neyer Property Update – City Administrator Vance applied for a grant for \$288,000; which the city would get \$144,000. If the grant is approved the city will receive half of the grant and Neyer would have to come up with the other half for the water line. The City would have to put up \$74,000 and Neyer would have to put up \$74,000. The city can negotiate into the development agreement with the IRB's and the payment can be funneled through the IRB process.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Thanked everyone for their help with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Delinquent Property Taxes - \$16,605.

Mayor Arnold stated he received the budget last week and he hopes to have to council by the next meeting.

Police Chief Comments:

- Police retention contracts have all been signed by the officers.
- Officer Jules Comte update – still waiting on approval from the retirement board.
- Detective Robert Peak wrote a letter of commendation for Jason Richardson; he has saved the city money with his mechanic work on the police cars. Chief Martin thanked Jason for everything he does for the police department.
- Officer Adam Peak was able to retrieve a large enclosed trailer at no cost from the military.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Greg Schultz, the fire department's grant coordinator, had two strokes and is on life support; our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.
- The fire department has received a grant from the R.C. Durr Foundation for a power cot in the amount of \$20,415. It will be installed in the ambulance. Thanked Terry Vance for his help.

Park and Rec Report:

- Summer Recreation program will start June 6th through July 22nd. Maximum campers will be 30.
- The city has hired Tyler Cook part time in our Recreation Department. He will start sometime in May.
- Councilman Blankenship asked if the city will be charging for people to use the splash pad this summer.
 - Assistant City Administrator Norris stated the city has decided not to charge this year but to put up a donation box.
- Councilwoman Jones asked if there would be a rules sign hung up this year.
 - Assistant City Administrator Norris stated the city is looking into a message board/television screen.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked about parking around the splash pad.
 - Assistant City Administrator Norris stated they are looking at options for additional parking.
- Assistant City Administrator Norris asked council for a motion to surplus the old playground equipment that is located at the city garage.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to surplus the old playground equipment. Mayor asked for a vote. Motion carried.

Public Works Report:

- Nothing to report.

Mayor Arnold Comments:

- Mayor Arnold thanked Councilwoman Meiser and Councilman Blankenship for taking the time to take a city tour of the Economic Development Sites.
- Mayor Arnold thanked Councilwoman Meiser for coming in to look over the amphitheater project plans.
- Campbell Media update – Mayor Arnold asked council if they wanted to have Campbell Media at both meetings.
 - Council agreed it would be at the request of council to the Mayor if they wanted the mid-month meeting televised.
- FY23 Budget – Mayor Arnold stated the city has a balanced budget and he will distribute a draft of the budget to council next week. Mayor Arnold stated he could sit down with council or the budget committee if anyone has any questions.
- Volunteer program – Mayor Arnold put a \$5,000 stipend in the budget for a volunteer coordinator for the city. Mayor Arnold reached out to Sarah Keene to organize the program.

Council Comments:

Councilman Williams:

- Thanked everyone involved with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Thanked Councilwoman Meiser for keeping him updated on the city while he was on vacation.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Thanked everyone involved with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Thanked Chief Neyman and everyone involved with the Fish Frys. The Fish Frys were a huge success.
- Councilwoman Jones and Councilwoman Decker talked regarding the landscaping at the city building and they would like a company to come in and clean out the old landscaping; a onetime deal and then the city could maintain it.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the landscaping at the city building.

Upon motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Jones for Assistant City Administrator Norris to get bids for a one-time beautification of the grounds. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

- Councilwoman Jones thanked Assistant City Administrator Norris for sitting down with her and going over the amphitheater drawings.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Thanked all the employees for their hard work on the Easter Egg Hunt. He is very proud of all the employees.
- Thanked the police and fire departments for applying for grants and saving the city money.
- Greg Schultz will be dearly missed.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Councilman Blankenship asked for an update on Kyle Boswell and his contract.
 - Juanita stated she would contact him by phone and give council an update at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thanked everyone involved with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Thanked City Administrator Vance for the tour of the city.
- Thanked Mayor Arnold for his time going over the Amphitheater drawings.
- The grants are awesome.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Thanked everyone involved with the Easter Egg Hunt; it was awesome.

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 8:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on May 2, 2022.



Robert Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk