

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

June 20, 2022

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, June 20, 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 Councilwoman Meiser, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the minutes of June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Arnold Report:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 22-0601: **An Ordinance adopting The City of Wilder, Kentucky's annual budget for Fiscal Year 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the Operation of City Government. (2nd Reading)**

- Discussion ensued regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.
 - Councilman Profitt asked if council was eligible for a COLA raise for the FY23 budget. City Administrator Vance stated by law council and the mayor are eligible for COLA raises.

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Ordinance No. 22-0601: **An Ordinance adopting The City of Wilder, Kentucky's annual budget for Fiscal Year 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the Operation of City Government. (2nd Reading)** Mayor called for a vote. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Decker - Yes
Councilwoman Meiser - Yes
Councilman Blankenship - Yes
Councilman Profitt - Yes
Councilwoman Jones - Yes
Councilman Williams - Yes

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 22-0602: **An Ordinance amending the Police Department policy and procedure manual by amending policy number 2 response to resistance, policy number 52 special purpose vehicles and policy number 53 special weapons and tactics team (SWAT). (2nd Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 22-0602: **An Ordinance amending the Police Department policy and procedure manual by amending policy number 2 response to resistance, policy number 52 special purpose vehicles and policy number 53 special weapons and tactics team (SWAT). (2nd Reading) Mayor called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Assistant City Administrator's Report:

- City Administrator Vance stated Karen Schlipf posted an article on Facebook regarding the issues with the splash pad.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the issues with the splash pad.

City Administrator Report:

- Economic Development Committee met last week regarding the Neyer Development. One of the things that was discussed was the city can be represented by the same council that was hired to do the RFP.
- The RFP period for questions and answers expired June 17, 2022. No questions were received.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Thanked Chief Neyman and the whole fire department for all of their help with the splash pad.
- Just to clarify, the City of Newport does not have their compensating rate for 2022. They receive their information in July.
- Council will receive May financials by the next meeting.

Police Chief Comments:

- Several officers went to a Peer Support Seminar in Hebron hosted by several Fire Departments in Northern Kentucky. The City of Wilder will partner with Alexandria and Newport to form a peer support board that will shadow what the Fire Departments are doing at this time.
- House Bill 562 – Critical Incident with fire or police officers - They are allowed 48 hours' off. The city will decide if it is paid or unpaid.
- Northern Kentucky Police Chiefs contacted the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and worked it out where they are now certified to do police law enforcement training in Northern Kentucky. There will be no travel expenses and the curriculum can be chosen by the Police Chiefs. This will also save the city money.
- Passed the KLC Audit with a 100%.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Maxim Crane donated Covid Test.
- June 15th Castellini Fire – 3 alarm fire. A part time firemen – Kyle Brant was hurt on the fire. Thanked Home City Ice and McDonald's.

Park and Rec Report:

- Movie night – June 25th.
- Yoga in the Park – June 27th.
- Concert in the Park – July 22nd.
- Touch a Truck and Movie night – August 13th.
- Concession stand doing well.
- Shelters are booking up for the season.

Public Works Report:

- No comment.

Council Comments:**Councilman Williams:**

- No comment.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Thanked City Administrator Vance on the tour of the city.
- Councilwoman Jones asked if our annual audit is posted somewhere.
 - City Administrator Vance stated the audits are on the City's Webpage.
- Councilwoman Jones asked if the City has an Ethics Board.
 - City Administrator Vance stated the city has an Ordinance and a board.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Great job to our Fire Department.
- Thanked Chief Martin for staying on top of things.
- Thanked Administration for their hard work.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Echoed Councilman Proffitt.
- Councilman Blankenship stated there was a lot of tractor trailer activity on John's Hill Road. He asked if there was any restrictions on tractor trailers on John's Hill.
 - City Administrator Vance stated it was a state road. He said he will follow up with the Transportation Department.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Great job to the Fire Department on the Castellini Fire. Great job to the Police Department on their audit.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked if the city could look at adding Juneteenth and Martin Luther King as city holidays.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Great job to both the Police and Fire Departments.
- The city grounds look fantastic.

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 7:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on July 5, 2022.


Robert Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk