

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

August 1, 2022

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, August 1, 2022 at the Wilder City Building, 520 Licking Pike, Wilder, Kentucky 41071.

Mayor Arnold called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for a moment of reflection in the honor of our friend and co-worker; Jason Richardson, our Public Works employee, who passed away July 9, 2022 and also for the flood victims in Eastern Kentucky.

Lords Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Roll call was answered by Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Jim Profitt, Councilwoman Valerie Jones, Councilman Robert Blankenship, and Councilwoman Sandy Decker.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the minutes of July 5, 2022 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Arnold Report:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mayor Arnold recognized Jason Richardson and what he meant to the city. Jason was a friend and he will be greatly missed. There is a collection box in the conference room to donate to Jason's family. The City's Annual Touch a Truck is August 13th. There will also be a donation box at this event.
- Mayor Arnold also commented on the terrible floods in Eastern Kentucky. Mayor Arnold met with the staff last week and he thanked Chief Neyman for taking the lead on collecting water and cleaning supplies at the Firehouse; and he would make sure the donated items got to the Eastern Kentucky victims.
- Economic Development Committee will be meeting on Friday, August 5, 2022.

Introduction of guests:

- Brad Murphy, a Wilder resident, was in attendance.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 22-0701: **An Ordinance amending the Police Department Policy and procedures manual by adding policy number 54 Federal and State OSHA regulations. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 22-0701: **An Ordinance amending the Police Department Policy and procedures manual by adding policy number 54 Federal and State OSHA regulations. (Second Reading) Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Assistant City Administrator's Report:

- Update on the roof – There is a leak in the council room. The roof is about 80 percent complete. There will be a 20 year warranty on the roof.
 - Councilwoman Meiser commented the insurance rate on the building may go down if the insurance company is notified of the new roof.

City Administrator Report:

- The city received one submittal for the Recreation/Frederick Landing RFP.
- The Economic Development Committee will meet on Friday.
- The Neyer people will be at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Meiser asked about the subcommittees. She was concerned about council members violating the Kentucky Open Meetings Rule. She said one person could be in charge of a committee and then that one person would report back to council.

Attorney Verst commented that would be an option; but another option would be to advertise the meeting.

Mayor Arnold stated that he does not feel the city is violating any statutes. He stated if anyone feels uncomfortable about serving on one of the subcommittees to contact him.

- SD1 tank dedication ceremony is on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
- Dredging is complete at Frederik's Landing.
- City Administrator Vance sent an email to council regarding the Construction and Maintenance Agreement of the sewer and bridge at Frederick's Landing. This in no way states the city will be paying for the bridge or the sewer. This agreement is stating that SD1 will agree to own the sewer; and the city will own the bridge. The city will maintain the bridge as long as their sewer is on the city's bridge. The agreement has to be signed to move forward.

Councilwoman Jones stated in the agreement that it says the word "will" construct a bridge.

City Administrator Vance stated that SD1 will not force the city to build the bridge. No one can force the city to build the sewer or the bridge.

Upon motion of Councilman Jim Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to allow Mayor Arnold to sign the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for the bridge and sewer project.

Councilwoman Meiser stated that she did not have a chance to read the contract.

Mayor Arnold asked the city clerk to take a roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Delinquent property tax update – the amount delinquent is around \$3,700.
- Our auditor, Paul Maddox, is due to come in the first week of September.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the financial reports and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending 6/30/2022. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Police Chief Comments:

- The police department will be participating in a firearm exchange. They will be purchasing new firearms; and with the exchange of their old firearms it will only cost the city around \$600, which Chief Martin paid out of forfeiture money, so it will not cost the city any money.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Kyle Brant, the firefighter that hurt his knee on the Castellini fire is doing better. He will not have to have surgery on his knee.
- There will be some changes with the Turkey Raffle. More information to come.
- The fire department may do Breakfast with Santa instead of Santa on the firetruck.

Park and Rec Report:

- Thanked everyone for all of their help with the concert last week. Thanked Borderline 360 for playing.
- Thanked Tyler Cook for all of his help this summer. He will be returning to college.
- Thanked the summer program for another job well done.
- Touch a Truck is August 13th from 6:00 to 8:00.
- Movie night August 13th at dusk. The movie is The Bad Guys.
- Yoga – August 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Decker asked if there could be a cover placed over the panic button at the concession stand.

Assistant City Administrator Norris stated he would look into a cover.

Public Works Report:

- Andrew Dixon's last day is July 26th, 2022. Thanked Andrew for his help this summer.
- Aaron is working hard and doing a great job.
- Public Works position will be posted next week.

Council Comments:

Mayor concluding comments:

- Wilder Senior Picnic will be September 23rd, 2022 from 11 to 2.
- Thanked Brad Murphy for attending the meeting.
- Congratulated Detective Peak on his retirement.

Councilman Williams:

- Not in attendance.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Condolences to the Richardson Family.
- Thanked the staff for all their work on Jason's celebration of life event.
- Thanked the Mayor for the invitation to the business luncheon.
- Thanked everyone for their expression of sympathy in the passing of her father n law.
- Thanked Assistant Administrator Norris for helping Father with the weeds.
- A citizen asked about extending the right turn lane as you come down Licking Pike to turn on to John's Hill.
 - City Administrator Vance stated he will contact the State Highway Department.

Councilman Profitt:

- Condolences to the Richardson Family. He was a close friend and he will be missed.
- Councilman Profitt would like the hump on Licking Pike to be addressed.
 - City Administrator Vance stated he will contact the State Highway Department.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Condolences to the Richardson Family. He was a tremendous asset to the city.
- Congratulated Detective Peak on his retirement.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Condolences to the Richardson Family.
- Thanked the Fire Department for their help with her aunt.
- Thanked the police department for their help last week.
- Congratulated Detective Peak on his retirement.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Condolences to the Richardson Family. He will be greatly missed.
- Thanked Detective Peak for checking on her during the storm last week.
- Thanked Detective Peak for helping Key Storage and Wilder Storage after someone ran through the fence.
- Congratulated Detective Peak on his retirement.
-

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 August 15, 2022.


Robert Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk