

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

September 12, 2022

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the Wilder City Building, 520 Licking Pike, Wilder, Kentucky 41071.

Lords Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the minutes of August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Introduction of guests:

- Shelley Frommeyer was in attendance. She introduced herself. She is running for Kentucky State Senate.
- Jerry Gearding was in attendance. He introduced himself. He is running for Kentucky State Representative.
- Brad Murphy was in attendance.
- Cindy and Terry Roeder were in attendance. Ms. Roeder asked what the city was doing to clean up the voter rolls and if the city uses Dominion voting machines. They are residents of Wilder.
 - Attorney Verst told her that the county clerk, Jim Luerson, oversees the election in our county.
 - Mr. Gearding commented he is a member of the Republican Party Election Integrity and he had information regarding the voter rolls. He stated he could talk to her after the meeting.
- Tyna Eichman was in attendance. She introduced herself. She is a resident of Wilder.
- Nathan Grainger - Link NKY was in attendance.

Mayor Arnold Report:

- The Flag Raising went very well. Mayor Arnold thanked Karen, Juanita, Assistant City Administrator Norris, Aaron and Sarah Keene, Chief Martin, Chief Neyman and Councilman Williams. He also thanked all members of council for attending the event.
- Mayor Arnold and City Administrator Vance met with Tenarus a couple of months ago. In the meeting, Mayor Arnold asked Tenarus for some land to help the City build a baseball field. Tenarus contacted Mayor Arnold and they have agreed to give the city some land. There is a pond on the land. Tenarus wants to make sure there is no contaminants in the pond. Mayor Arnold presented a slide to council of the property that Tenarus has agreed to donate to the City.
 - City Administrator Vance gave some history of the land over the years.

Discussion ensued regarding the land donated by Tenarus.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 22-0901: **A resolution appointing Andrew Maus to the position of Public Works Laborer for the City of Wilder, Kentucky at the rate of pay prescribed by Ordinance.**

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Resolution No. 22-0901: **A resolution appointing Andrew Maus to the position of Public Works Laborer for the City of Wilder, Kentucky at the rate of pay prescribed by Ordinance. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 22-0902: **A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a one year contract with Robert Peak for Police Services.**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Resolution No. 22-0902: **A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a one year contract with Robert Peak for Police Services. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 22-0903: **A resolution designating September 2022 City Government Month.**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approve Resolution No. 22-0903: **A resolution designating September 2022 City Government Month. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 22-0901: An Ordinance levying an ad valorem tax rate for the year of 2022 on all property real and personal in the City of Wilder, KY, setting the waste collection/recycling rate for 2023 on properties receiving curb side collection, levying an ad valorem tax rate on motor vehicles for 2022 in the City of Wilder, KY, establishing the rates therefore and adopting the Campbell County Tax Commissioner's Assessment on said property and providing for a tax lien against all taxable property in the City of Wilder, Kentucky to secure the payment of said taxes. (First Reading)

The staff suggested to council to keep the 2022 real property rate at .231% of each \$100 of assessed valuation for real estate; this was the tax rate in 2021. The comp rate calculated by the NKADD was .25% of each \$100 of assessed valuation for real estate. The calculated rate for personal property was .513%. The comp rate suggested by the NKADD was .685%.

The real property assessments went from 339,819,664 in 2021 to 397,654,086 in 2022. The personal property assessments went from 107,401,753 in 2021 to 56,880,033 in 2022.

The letter sent to the Mayor and Council regarding the 2022 real/tangible rates dated 8/23/2022 will be attached to the minutes. The letter addresses the assessed values and the new tax rates.

A long discussion ensued regarding the 2022 tax rate for real and personal property.

Mayor Arnold stated a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Assistant City Administrator's Report:

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Report:

- Economic Development Committee meeting Friday, September 16, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- City Administrator Vance will also have a Memorandum of Understanding from the Broadus Group regarding the RFP. This will also be discussed at the Economic Development Meeting on Friday.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Nothing to report.

Upon motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve the financial reports and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending 7/31/2022. Mayor Arnold called for a vote. Motion carried.

Police Chief Comments:

- The Police Department is full staff.

Fire Chief Comments:

- No comment.

Park and Rec Report:

- Thanked Marc Barone from Woodmen Life for his donation to the city for the flowers, bushes, etc for the Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Thanked Sarah and Aaron Keene for planting the flowers at the park. It looks amazing.
- Yoga in the Park – September 19th at 9:00 a.m.
- Senior Picnic September 23rd at 11:00 a.m.
- City Wide Yard Sale – September 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

Public Works Report:

- Andrews Maus will start on September 16th.
- Fall Cleanup will be September 30th and October 1st.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Decker:

- Welcomed Officer Peak back to the Wilder Police Department.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Welcomed Officer Peak back to the Wilder Police Department.
- Welcome to Andrew Maus
- Flag Raising was very nice.
- Job well done to Captain Lang and Firefighter Zimmerman.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Welcomed Officer Peak back to the Wilder Police Department.
- Welcome Andrew Maus to our Public Works Department.
- Flag Raising was very nice.
- Congratulations to Captain Lang and Firefighter Zimmerman on a job well done.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Thanked everyone for a great Flag Raising.
- Councilman Proffitt contacted Senator Wil Schroeder twice regarding the issues with the hump on Licking Pike and the speed issue.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Echoed a lot of the thanks.
- Thanked City Administrator Vance and Assistant City Administrator Norris for their help with the detention pond at Aspen's Pine.
- Thanked everyone for their patience with all the questions on the tax rate.

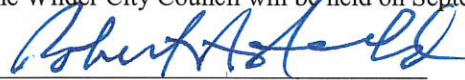
Councilman Williams:

- Welcomed Officer Peak back to the Wilder Police Department.
- Welcome to Andrew Maus
- Thanked the Mayor for honoring the First Responders.

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 8:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on September 19, 2022.



Robert Arnold - Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk