

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

January 3, 2023

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, January 3, 2023 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 Robert Blankenship, Councilwoman Sandy Decker and Councilman Brad Murphy.

Mayor Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were several residents in attendance.

Attorney Verst stated Council and Mayor were already sworn in at the last meeting. They needed to be sworn in by the first of the year.

Ceremonial Inauguration of Council and Mayor was done by Attorney, Aaron Beck.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Mayor Jones comments:

- Mayor Jones published a letter in the last newsletter. She read the letter at the meeting. It will be attached to the minutes.
- Mayor Jones stated at the December meeting there was a written request from Fischer asking for an extension to their development plan that has expired. Council did not have time to ask questions or research this issue, so a decision on the extension was tabled until the next meeting. Mayor Jones stated council has some questions regarding the extension so it will be on the agenda for tonight.
- Mayor Jones stated by Resolution the top vote getter in the election will be the Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Jones stated Councilwoman Meiser will be the new Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Wilder. Mayor Jones congratulated Councilwoman Meiser.

Attorney's Report:

- Attorney Verst gave council a copy of their Certification Administration of Oath of Office letter.

Assistant City Administrator Report:

- Public Works did an excellent job during the most recent snow storm. Thanked both Aaron and Andrew for a job well done.
- Thanked the residents for their patience with the snow removal.

City Administrator's Report:

- City Administrator Vance gave Council information in their mailbox on the five streets that are left to do in the city. The City has completed work on all streets except these five streets; 1. Aspen Court 2. Frosty 3. Guardian 4. Shelterview and 5. Colonel Pointe. None of the streets are in critical shape. The total estimates for all the streets is \$1,148,692.
 - Short discussion ensued regarding the streets.
- City Administrator Vance gave Council a letter from Kentucky Deferred Comp regarding an agreement with the City to participate in Kentucky Deferred Comp. City Administrator Vance will have an agreement and Resolution to be approved at the next meeting.

Mayor Jones stated she sent a text to all councilmembers regarding the Fischer extension. She wanted to let Council know that she was not expecting a decision to be made at the meeting this evening.

Fischer Extension Discussion:

- City Administrator Vance gave a recap of the Fischer Development and why Fischer was asking for an extension. The zoning ordinance stated if Fischer doesn't start the development in 12 months, the plans will expire. The plans expired and the letter from Fischer is asking for an extension on the 238 units.

Councilman Blankenship asked if the City would be setting a precedent if they approve the extension.

City Administrator Vance stated typically if a development plan has gone through the process that the City established, then the City should afford them the opportunity to build what they got approved. City Administrator Vance recommends Fischer coming to a meeting to answer Council's questions.

Councilwoman Meiser thanked Mayor Jones for allowing an open conversation regarding the Fischer Development. She also thanked City Administrator Vance.

Councilwoman Meiser stated that she has lived on Three Mile for three years. She also stated that she sees a lot of the flooding and a lot of the traffic. Three Mile is 55 miles per hour; she feels this is too fast for Three Mile. She would like to find a way to reduce the speed limit. She also said it's hard to pass people on the new bridge. She would also like Fischer to address the traffic on Mooock Road. She said people sit at the light at the end of Mooock Road at 5:00 p.m. for 15 to 17 minutes. She would like Fischer to address this issue and maybe do a traffic study. Can the light pattern be changed?

City Administrator Vance stated the development that was already approved does not have any traffic on Three Mile Road, not directly. Fischer did do a traffic study on Mooock Road. The state will require Fischer to put some improvements at Bentwood Hills Intersection. He stated there is a wait time of 15 minutes or longer when there is an accident on 275 and 471 because cars will use Mooock Road to bypass the accident. He also stated the City could set the speed limit on Three Mile, but then the City would have to take Three Mile over.

Councilwoman Meiser stated she wanted to make sure that she was addressing the concerns of the residents.

Councilwoman Meiser stated that the SD1 tank was supposed to be operational and after a big storm there was still water coming through the man holes.

City Administrator Vance said the SD1 tank will not be fully operational until all the pipes are in place. He was told it will be completed in 2023.

Councilwoman Meiser asked how close the units would be to Bentwood. Some Bentwood residents are worried about landslides, etc.

City Administrator Vance stated the only landslide he is aware of in the city was on Lakeview and it was addressed and Duke built a retaining wall. The development is 300 feet higher than Bentwood and 300 feet higher than the floodplain. None of Fischer's buildings are in the 100 year floodplain.

Councilwoman Meiser asked what happens if the SD1 tank doesn't work and there is a landslide.

City Administrator Vance stated that SD1 will make sure it works. He also stated you cannot design for nothing to ever happen.

Councilwoman Meiser stated she would like to meet with Fischer.

Mayor Jones asked if there were any more questions from the audience or council. There was no reply.

Mayor Jones asked if council would like Fischer Development to be invited to the next meeting for more questions.

Council agreed this would be a good idea. City Administrator Vance stated he will invite Fischer Development to the January 16th meeting.

Several residents were in attendance to ask questions and to voice their concerns.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Nothing to report.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the financial reports and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending November 2022. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Police Chief Comments:

- 2022 year end reports are in your binders.
- President Biden will be in the area tomorrow, expect delays.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Tenaris is cleaning their pond. There could be a smell of natural gas in the area for the next couple of weeks.
- Covid runs on an uptick.
- Thanked his wife, ladies auxiliary, Mayor Jones and Councilwoman Meiser for their help with the Breakfast with Santa. It was a hugh success.
- Fish Frys will start in February.

Mayor Jones stated a pumper is badly needed for our fire department; she said their pumper is 25 years old. She would like to earmark some capital funds for the pumper. She would like to amend the capital budget to allocate the funds for a pumper. She said when she was on the campaign trail the residents number one goal was police, fire, infrastructure and public works.

Councilwoman Meiser stated when Mayor Jones mentioned the pumper she thought it was an engine, not a fire truck, and an engine you would put in a creek or a pool. After visiting the fire department she saw the 25 year old pumper and there was rust on the pumper.

Juanita stated the fire department has three trucks and this pumper is their oldest pumper. Chief Neyman did confirm this. Chief Neyman stated why they needed three trucks.

Councilwoman Meiser stated since the amphitheater grant expired, she will assume the amphitheater will not be built. Mayor Jones confirmed the amphitheater grant has expired.

Councilwoman Meiser stated the amount would be around 1.2 million and it would take around 24 months for the pumper to come in and there was \$250,000 in the capital fund from the pumper fund. Chief Neyman stated that was four years ago, and he wasn't sure how much was in the capital fund. Chief Neyman stated he just wanted a plan in place for a pumper in the future.

City Administrator Vance stated there is a lot to consider when amending the budget, and he would hold off on doing that at this meeting. City Administrator Vance also stated the city could borrow the money for the pumper depending on the interest rates.

Councilwoman Meiser stated the city would not be buying the pumper today so they could earmark \$250,000 in the capital fund for the pumper.

Juanita asked City Administrator Vance if the grants were in the capital budget and he confirmed yes they were and if the city is sending back some of the grants the capital's revenue is different than what was stated in the capital budget.

Councilwoman Meiser stated she would like to spend the capital money on the fire and not have to worry about interest rates.

Councilwoman Meiser stated she would like to see more police cars in the budget just to make sure the city has several years out so the city didn't have to increase their taxes. City Administrator Vance stated the police get a new car every year. City Administrator Vance asked council to get a plan together and come back at another meeting.

Park and Rec Report:

- Nothing to Report

Public Works Report:

- Nothing to Report.

Mayor Jones comments:

- The city will revisit their Ethics Board and make sure it is updated.

Council Comments:

Councilman Proffitt:

- Not in attendance.

Councilman Williams:

- Not in Attendance.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Great job to the Fire Department on the Breakfast with Santa. It was so well planned out. Anytime you come to any event for fire, it is very family oriented. Job well done, especially Carla Neyman. It was very magical.
- Snowman Challenge: Thanked Karen and Chuck for their help. Thanked Ryan Boothe for all of his help. Around 40 families participated in the challenge and there were 5 winners.
- Due to the incident at the Bengals football game on Monday night, she wanted to thank all the first responders, especially the paramedics for all they do. She only slept two hours thinking about the incident and paramedics do this every day. Thank you for protecting us every day.
- Thanked Mayor Jones for her transparency in the last newsletter.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Nothing to report.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Thanked Public Works for all of their hard work with the recent snowstorm. They did a great job.
- Thanked City Administrator Vance for doing an outstanding job explaining everything to council.

Councilman Murphy:

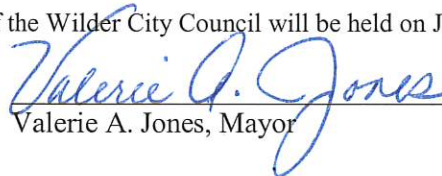
- Thanked council for welcoming him to his first meeting.
- Thanked Police, Fire and Public Works for all they do for the city, they do a great job.
- He enjoys the newsletter and is happy to see the business of the month.

Mayor Jones thanked Public Works for clearing the streets during the holidays.

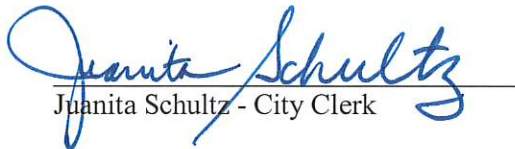
Adjournment:

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Jones 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 January 16, 2022.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk