

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

February 6, 2023

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, February 6, 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, Councilman Jim Profitt and Councilman Brad Murphy.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the minutes of January 16, 2023 Regular Meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mayor Jones, invited Paul Maddox, with Maddox & Associates to speak at the meeting regarding the City's FY22 audit and to answer any questions from council. Mayor introduced Mr. Maddox and he stated this was the first time he has spoken at one of the City's council meetings.

Mr. Maddox thanked the Mayor for the invitation to come to a council meeting. He thanked the staff for working with him on the audit. Paul went briefly over the audit. Council received a copy of the audit and there will be one on file and the audit report will be published in the Kentucky Enquirer.

Mayor Jones stated she met with Paul before the meeting and he answered all of her questions. Mayor Jones opened up the floor to council. A few questions were asked by council.

Mr. Maddox thanked Mayor Jones and council and stated if anyone has any more questions, to contact him.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 23-0201: **A Resolution appointing three members to the City of Wilder Ethics Board and establishing the term of office for said Members.**

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term of Office</i>
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2. Craig Curk	February 6, 2025
3. Greg Castle	February 6, 2026

Mayor Jones stated that the city will be going to the Regional Ethics Board as of January 1, 2024. Mayor Jones also stated the Resolution required her to put in terms; but this should only be a one year term for all members.

Mayor Jones stated she was very humbled and proud of the number of residents that wanted to be a part of this team. She was so excited by the number of people that wanted to serve on the Ethics Board. Mayor Jones stated there was no application process or interview process. She stated during her campaign the three individual's she selected were very engaging with her. Mayor Jones briefly went through her selection process and why she chose the 3 individuals. She also sent everyone that applied for the Ethics Board a personal letter thanking them.

Diane Redmond introduced herself. She has lived on Alanna in Wilder for the last 21 years. After 28 years, she recently retired as an Athletic Director at an all-girls high school in Blue Ash, Ohio. She stated Wilder is a great place to live. She feels she has a lot to offer by sitting on the board.

Greg Castle introduced himself. He has lived on Overlook Circle for 26 years. He stated Wilder is a great city and he wants to get involved and volunteer his time. Mr. Castle stated with his 40 plus years' professional experience as a banker and as a customer and with his ethics training he feels he can bring something to the table with his past experiences.

Craig Curk introduced himself. He lives on Major Court. He has lived in Wilder for 30 years and stated Wilder is a very special place. The last 30 years he has started, owned and ran several companies. He retired about 6 years ago and decided it was part of his civic duty responsibility to give back to the community. He looks forward to working with council.

Mayor Jones stated the only meeting they are required to have is to meet and choose a chair for the committee. The board will only meet if there is an actual complaint.

City Administrator Vance briefly went over the responsibility of the board and the Ordinance that was approved in 1994.

Someone asked how they file an ethics complaint with the city; and City Administrator Vance stated through him or the City Clerk.

Councilwoman Meiser asked if the other residents that did not get selected for the Ethics Board would be willing to volunteer for something else in the city.

Mayor Jones stated she was planning on reaching out to the other residents with other ways to volunteer in the city.

Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve Resolution No. 23-0201: **A Resolution appointing three members to the City of Wilder Ethics Board and establishing the term of office for said members.**

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Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Assistant City Administrator Report:

- Not in attendance.

City Administrator's Report:

- City Administrator Vance stated that two Heating and Air Conditioning Units on the roof needed to be replaced. They are 24 years old. He received one bid and he is waiting on the second bid. He asked council to make a motion to replace the units at \$10,000 to \$12,000 a unit; so total bid would be not to exceed \$24,000. This was not budgeted; the city does have the money.

Discussion ensued regarding replacing the Heating and Air Conditioning Units.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to authorize the replacement of the Heating and Air conditioning units (Units 1 and 3) on the roof to not exceed \$25,000. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

- Planning and zoning met last month regarding two issues
 1. The Fence issue that council asked them to look into.
 - There will be a Public Hearing on February 27th to address fences and gates in homeowner's front yards. The city does not allow fences and/or gates to be installed in the front yard. The hearing notice was published in the Kentucky Enquirer.

Discussion ensued regarding fences and gates in homeowner's front yards.

2. Barleycorn's parking lot addition behind their building.
 - Mayor Jones asked City Administrator Vance to send out a letter to all residents on North, Center and Elm, making them aware of the Public Hearing regarding this issue. There will be a Public Hearing on this issue on February 27th. They will also be adding underground storm water detention.

Discussion ensued regarding the Barleycorn's parking lot addition.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Karen Schlipf was in attendance for Juanita Schultz.
 - Nothing to report.

Police Chief Comments:

- The Department of Juvenile Justice has restructured Juvenile Detention Facilities and they changed the Newport Detention Facility to an all-female facility. They have mandated all male juveniles be transported to Ashland, Kentucky by the arresting police department and they will also have to return to Ashland to pick up the juvenile for court dates, etc. This was all finalized without any input from the Police Chief's Association or any Sheriff's Department.
- The Police Chiefs in Northern Kentucky are working together to form a Northern Kentucky Peer Support Group for all first responders. More information to come.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Fire Frys start February 24th.

Park and Rec Report:

- Assistant City Administrator Norris was not in attendance.

Public Works Report:

- Assistant City Administrator Norris was not in attendance.

Mayor Jones comments:

- The city is looking into contracting with KLC to update the city's employee personnel policy. A contract has not yet been received. More information to come.
- The city's newsletter is emailed to the residents. If anyone would rather have it mailed to them, contact Karen Schlipf.
- Mayor Jones met with Greg Fisher, with Fisher Development on January 21st. Mr. Fischer discussed the larger development and the finance they would need from the city to move forward with this development. Mayor Jones stated she was against the city financing any of the development when she sat on council and also as Mayor. She mailed a letter to Mr. Fisher rejecting the request for financing on the larger development from the city.
- Mayor Jones read a letter she sent to the Department of Local Government declining the grant the city received in 2019 for an Amphitheater at Frederick's Landing and she stated the grant funds will be returned.
 - Councilman Profitt stated that he agreed with the Mayor's letter but he would have felt better if council would have directed that in a motion. He also stated he would have liked to been part of her letter as a council member.
- Mayor Jones stated the city was eligible for some settlement funds from the Opioid litigation. Mayor Jones filed the necessary paperwork and the city has been awarded 2 payments from this lawsuit. The staff will be attending a seminar from KLC on how the money can be spent. Mayor Jones stated there might be some limitations or restrictions.
 - Mayor Jones stated the city will be starting the First Friday of the month to shop your local businesses. Please get out and support your Wilder Businesses.

Council Comments:**Councilman Profitt:**

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Thanked the Maintenance Crew; they are doing an outstanding job.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thanked Mayor Jones for the letter she sent Fisher.
- *Update on Splash Pad* – thanked the staff and residents for helping her identify the issues.
 - Issues:
 - **Overcrowded**
 - **Kids aren't supervised**
 - **Water down the slide**
 - **Dogs in the park**
 - **Daycare stay for hours**
 - **Lots of trash**
 - **Sand from volleyball courts**
 - **911 calls from the box in the park**
 - **Human waste on bathroom floor**
 - Mayor Jones gave Councilwoman Meiser a contact, Terry Wilkinson, and she is the Executive Director of Kentucky Recreational and Park Society. She has been a big help and is a wealth of information. There is still a lot of information to go through before figuring out the solution.
 - Councilwoman Meiser shared a lot of good ideas and information. More information to come.
- Thanked Danny Thomas for his help.
- Petting Zoo – getting information on a petting zoo in the spring.
- Thanked the residents for coming.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Welcomed the Ethics Board members.
- Questioned if she needed to get bids for landscaping around the city.
 - City Administrator Vance recommended her to call Chuck.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked the Ethics Board members for volunteering their time.
- Thanked Paul Maddox with Maddox and Associates for coming to the meeting.
- Councilman Blankenship worked with Campbell County IT and there is now a link on the city's webpage for the Campbell County Trail System.

Councilman Murphy:

- Thanked Public Works for their hard work, especially during the snow.
- Thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting.
- Councilman Murphy will be attending the Hazard Mitigation Session in Alexandria.

Councilman Williams:

- Not in attendance.

Open Forum:

- Darlene Spicer – asked Mayor Jones if Fisher will be building in Wilder.
 - Mayor Jones stated her letter to Fisher was based on the larger development and the IRB's, not on the smaller development.

Adjournment:

Upon motion of Councilwomen Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk