

# CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

February 21, 2023

## City Council Meeting

**The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, February 21, 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 Proffitt and Councilman Brad Murphy.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the minutes of February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

### **Mayor Jones opening comments:**

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mayor Jones stated there is one resolution on the agenda.

### **Attorney's Report:**

- Attorney Verst was not in attendance.

Mayor Jones presented Resolution No. 23-0202: **A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement between the City of Wilder and Kentucky League of Cities, Inc. (KLC).**

Councilwoman Meiser stated there is a lot of uniqueness to the city's policies and she wanted to make sure with the changes it was a net positive for the staff.

City Administrator Vance stated that the new policies and changes will be reviewed.

Mayor Jones stated KLC said they will be very interactive with the changes and the new policies.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Meiser, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Resolution No. 23-0202: **A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement between the City of Wilder and Kentucky League of Cities, Inc. (KLC). Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

**City Administrator's Report:**

- Planning and zoning will meet on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> regarding two issues:
  1. The Fence issue that council asked them to look into.
    - 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.
  2. Barleycorn's parking lot addition behind their building.

This will be a public hearing and it will be opened to the public.

- City Administrator Vance spoke briefly regarding a sign that was put on the property that was formally under contract with Fischer Development. The current owners asked him what the zoning was on the property and what could be built on this property. The owner then put a for sale sign up on the property. The property is actually zoned for three residential zones.
- KYTC has some surplus property across the street - the two houses the city owns. There has been conversation to purchase this property for about three years. City Administrator Vance met with Councilman Murphy regarding this property. The state sent the city a contract to buy the access right away. Old Ky 9 was John's Hill Road but the property goes through the front yard of those two houses. The city wanted to make the property larger and buy the right away. KYTC said they will sell the property to the city for \$7,850.00. If council agrees to purchase this property, City Administrator Vance will need an approval to authorize an expenditure of \$1962.50 for the deposit. Once the application has been signed by the Mayor and the check has been issued, they will begin the process to prepare the deed and there will be a closing. The purchase agreement will be attached to these minutes.
  1. Councilman Murphy stated he thought it was a good idea to acquire the property. He thought it was a pretty good price and it is in front of the property that the city already owns.

**Upon motion from Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to authorize a check for \$1,962.50 for a deposit to acquire property across the street from the city building. The check will be made out to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

- Opioid Settlement Update: Chief Martin, Chief Neyman and Assistant City Administrator Norris along with City Administrator Vance were on the conference call regarding the opioid settlement. The entire presentation will be attached to these minutes.
  - City Administrator Vance gave a brief overview of the conference call. The conference call was sponsored by KLC.

**Assistant City Administrator Report:**

- HVAC update: Units 1 and 3 have been ordered, not yet installed.

**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 December 2022. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

**Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve the financial reports and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending January 2023. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

**Police Chief Comments:**

- Reminder to keep your car doors locked and if anyone sees any suspicious activity to call 911.

**Fire Chief Comments:**

- Fish Frys start this Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00.
- CPR class – more information to come.

*Councilman Profitt asked Chief Neyman if he was going to apply for the FEMA grant.  
Chief Neyman stated he is working on the grant.*

**Park and Rec Report:**

- Shelter rentals are \$40. Call city building to book a shelter

**Public Works Report:**

- Public Works helping with the Fish Frys.
- They are also starting some spring projects.

**Mayor Jones comments:**

*Old Business:*

- The KLC contract to update the Personnel Policy has been approved

*New Business:*

- The FY 24 budget process is underway. More information to come.
- Mayor Jones spoke with the staff regarding 2023 calendar of events.
- The city may hire a part time rec person for the 2023 summer season.
- Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance met with Chris Larson, the CEO, from Castellini. The meeting went very well.

**Council Comments:**

**Councilman Murphy:**

- Councilman Murphy attended the Hazard Mitigation Meeting in Alexandria a couple weeks ago. He asked if a flyer from NKADD could be put on the website. They are asking residents to fill out this survey online. Councilman Murphy explained that Hazard Mitigation makes the city aware of hazards in their city.

**Councilman Blankenship:**

- Nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Decker:**

- Councilwoman Decker is working with Chuck on beautification. She is getting bids on landscaping, etc., to help out Public Works. She stated she is working with Connie Coots. Mayor Jones also stated Ruth Castle and Diane Redmond said they would volunteer to help.

**Councilwoman Meiser:**

- *Petting Zoo Update:* The petting zoo will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 6. The company will bring 10 animals and staff will answer questions. Snowy Ice will also be there. There will be games and activities for the kids.
- *Splash Pad Update:* Councilwoman Meiser has been working with Terry Wilkinson, she is the Executive Director of Kentucky Recreation Park Society; she has been very helpful. She is getting information on key fobs to use at the park. She is also getting information on fencing at the park. Councilwoman Meiser also stated there is talk about removing the sand volleyball courts and adding more pickleball courts. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the area.

**Councilman Profitt:**

- Councilman Profitt stated that the land the Steel Plant donated to the city could be used for something with recreation. City Administrator Vance stated he and Councilman Murphy spoke regarding that land.
- Councilman Profitt stated he is working through the Salary Survey. He thought it would be a good idea for all council to look at the survey. City Administrator Vance stated he can send to council.
- He stated he has not received any requests for street repairs. He will be getting together with City Administrator Vance and taking a tour of the city to see if there are any roads that need repair.

Councilwoman Meiser stated she is also looking through the salary survey and comparing Wilder with other cities. She wishes there was more information in the survey.

**Councilman Williams:**

- Not in attendance.

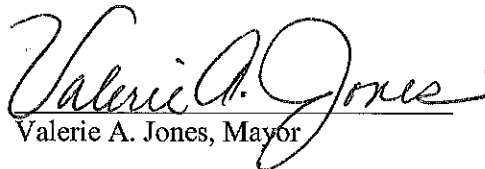
**Open Forum:**

- No comment from the audience.

**Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on Monday, March, 2023.

  
Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Juanita Schultz - City Clerk