

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

March 6, 2023

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, March 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 Proffitt, Councilman Andy Williams and Councilman Brad Murphy.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- There will be two resolutions on the agenda this evening.
- The city will also introduce a short term rental ordinance. Mayor Jones sent it to council last week to review.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 23-0301: **A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and to sign any necessary documents to purchase surplus property from the Commonwealth of Kentucky at 521 and 523 Licking Pike.**

Upon motion of Councilman Proffitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Resolution No. 23-0301: **A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and to sign any necessary documents to purchase surplus property from the Commonwealth of Kentucky at 521 and 523 Licking Pike. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 23-0302: **A Resolution opposing the passage of Senate Bill 50 and House Bill 50 relating to partisan local elections.**

- City Administrator Vance gave a brief overview and the history behind this Resolution. This Resolution was presented by the request of KLC.
 - Short discussion ensued regarding Resolution No. 23-0302.
- Mayor Jones stated she was contacted by the Mayor of Fort Wright and he asked for the City's support. He said everyone that he has been in contact with is opposed to partisan local elections. The City of Wilder has always had a non-partisan race.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Resolution No. 23-0302: **A Resolution opposing the passage of Senate Bill 50 and House Bill 50 relating to partisan local elections. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Verst stated when the City sold the south firehouse located at 1426 Gloria Terrell Drive to Smith Towing, they signed a promissory note for \$70,000 and there was a second mortgage on this property. Smith towing paid off the loan in full. Attorney Verst asked for a motion from council to authorize the Mayor to sign the lien release.

Upon motion from Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to authorize the Mayor to sign the lien release; so the lien can be released against the real estate at 1426 Gloria Terrell Drive. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

City Administrator Vance introduced a short term rental Ordinance to council.

- Discussion ensued regarding the Ordinance for short term rentals.

Mayor Jones stated she would like the city to be proactive pertaining to the short term rentals in the city. She would rather be proactive then try to play catch up.

Councilwoman Meiser stated she looked on VRBO and Airbnb and the city does not have anything listed on those sites at this time.

After a long discussion, council agreed to table the Ordinance until the next meeting. City Administrator Vance asked council to call him with any questions.

City Administrator's Report:

- Planning and zoning meeting was held on Monday, February 27th regarding two issues:
 1. The Fence issue has been tabled by Planning and Zoning. They will be gathering more information.
 2. Barleycorn's parking lot addition behind their building was approved.
- City Administrator Vance stated he sent council the salary survey; and he stated there was a lot of data in the survey. He commented that in the past council would look at cities that were comparable to our city in size. If council has any questions to contact City Administrator Vance or Assistant City Administrator Norris.

Assistant City Administrator Report:

- HVAC update: Units 1 and 3 have been replaced on the roof.

Department Reports:**Treasurer Report:**

- February Financials will be sent to council tomorrow.
- *Delinquent property tax update:* The amount delinquent is around \$19,000. Delinquent letters have gone out with penalty and interest added to the bill.

Police Chief Comments:

- Officer Harris will be leaving the department in May of 2023.
- Officer Peak and Detective Peak will be taking over Touch a Truck this summer. They will pick a date, sometime in August, and send to council and administration.
- Chief Martin attended jujitsu school for law enforcement several years ago. He stated this training was the most valuable training he ever attended. The material is outstanding. Officer Holland and Officer Miller will both be attending school this year; and they will take over training of the department.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Thanked Darlene Spicer, Mayor Jones, Councilwoman Meiser, and Councilman Proffitt for helping with the fish fries.

Park and Rec Report:

- Nothing to report.

Public Works Report:

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

Mayor Jones comments:*Old Business:*

- KLC has started the process to update the City's Personnel Policy Manual. They will also be looking at the job descriptions.

New Business:

- The Mayor opted into another opioid settlement.
- Mayor Jones met with all departments regarding the budget. It is her goal to have something to council in early April.
- Based on the demand and removing some of the issues with the sand at the volleyball courts; she is getting quotes to install more pickleball courts and remove the sand volleyball courts and maybe relocate them somewhere else.
- The city launched their "Shop Local" campaign last month. There has been some positive feedback. More information to come.

Council Comments:**Councilman Proffitt:**

- Thanked the Fire Department for all of their hard work at the fish frys. They do a great job.

Councilman Williams:

- Thanked everyone for filling in for him while he was off sick.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- *Petting Zoo Update:* Thanked Juanita and Karen for ordering the items for the petting zoo.
- Great job to Chief Neyman and his team on some great fish frys.
- Councilwoman Meiser sent out the salary comp to council. She has been doing some research and will be adding more information. If anyone has any questions, to contact her.

Councilwoman Decker:

- No comment.

Councilman Blankenship:

- The Campbell County Trail System is on the city's website.

Councilman Murphy:

- No comment.


Open Forum:

- Gary Scotty lives at 9 Beverly Circle. Mr. Scotty asked if the owner on Three Mile who is selling some land (that was previously under contract with Fischer Development) is allowed to put a for sale up that states it is zoned for HUD.
 - City Administrator Vance stated the owner of the property is permitted to put the sign up. He also stated there is no HUD zone; if he sells to a HUD developer it is within his right to do so.
- Phyllis Lawson lives at 350 Timber Ridge. Ms. Lawson asked how the short term rental ordinance would affect condos.
 - City Administrator Vance stated the HOA might have rules against it, but the ordinance would affect condos just like single family homes.

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 7:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz, City Clerk