

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

March 20, 2023

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, March 20, 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 Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the minutes of March 6, 2023 Regular Meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- There will be one Ordinance on the agenda this evening.
- Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance met with another business.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst was not in attendance.

Mayor Jones presented Ordinance No. 23-0301: **An Ordinance of The City of Wilder in Campbell County, Kentucky, establishing rules, regulations and licensing requirements for short term rental of owner occupied dwellings including guest rooms and suites by persons not members of the owner-occupant's household, and establishing penalties for the violation thereof; and repealing section 110.12 of the Wilder code of ordinances. (First Reading)**

Long discussion ensued regarding the short term rental ordinance.

Ordinance will be changed from "no more than four guest-rooms" to "may have up to five guest-rooms".

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Ordinance No. 23-0301: **An Ordinance of The City of Wilder in Campbell County, Kentucky, establishing rules, regulations and licensing requirements for short term rental of owner occupied dwellings including guest rooms and suites by persons not members of the owner-occupant's household, and establishing penalties for the violation thereof; and repealing section 110.12 of the Wilder code of ordinances. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried. (First Reading)**

City Administrator's Report:

- Planning and zoning meeting will be held on Monday, March 20th regarding the fence issue.
- City Administrator Vance asked council to update the Wilder Public Property and Project Corporation with the Secretary of State's office.

Motion was made by Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to appoint the following board members to the Wilder Public Property and Project Corporation:

1. **President - Mayor Valerie A. Jones**
2. **Secretary - Robert Blankenship**
3. **Vice President- Bradly Murphy**

Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Assistant City Administrator Report:

- Andrew Maus completed his 6 month probation. Andrew is doing a fantastic job.
- The salt orders have been completed for this season.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Nothing to Report.

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

Police Chief Comments:

- Thanked the Fire Department for taking the time to certify all the police officers in CPR. It is an accreditation requirement to remain CPR certified.
- The DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Program is April 22, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Touch a Truck is August 26th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- *Senate Bill 101* - This bill was filed to extend police contracts subject to reimbursement from three to five years.
- *House Bill 380* – This bill was filed to move the hiring age for police officers from 21 to 20 years of age.
- March 9th, 2023, Wilder and Southgate police officers received a call for an abduction with an assault. They approached the vehicle, and the vehicle intentionally rammed the police cars; then fled the scene. As they fled the scene, they were throwing large amounts of narcotics out the window. The case is still under investigation.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Thanked everyone for their help on the fish fries.
- Grandson will be having surgery on March 24th, 2023.

Park and Rec Report:

- Easter Egg Hunt is April 8th from 12:30 to 1:30.

Public Works Report:

- Nothing to report.

Councilman Profitt asked Assistant City Administrator Norris if the city will be hiring some part time laborers for Public Works.

Assistant City Administrator Norris stated there is money in the budget to hire some part time help.

Mayor Jones comments:*Old Business:*

- Mayor Jones is working with the staff on the budget. She will be sending the budget to council by early April.
- First Friday Shop Local Campaign was kicked off last month. Mayor Jones is working with Karen on Phase 2, which involves the formal announcement to the businesses and an invitation to partner with the city and maybe offer some sort of an incentive on the First Friday. A letter will be going out to the businesses.
- Councilwoman Meiser and Mayor Jones are looking for volunteers for Kidsfest/Petting Zoo on April 29th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

New Business:

- City Administrator Vance is working hard contacting businesses to set up a meeting.
- A calendar of events went out to council this evening.
- Road Repairs Update;
 - City Administrator Vance stated sometime between now and middle of April, Jim Profitt, Jim Viox, along with Assistant City Administrator Norris and himself will go out and look at the five streets that are on the list to see which ones need to be replaced. More information to come.
- New program - Active aging fitness program for all; which will involve 9 weeks of fitness training on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. An email will be going out to everyone on our email list. The fitness instructor is from Town and Country and she has 47 years of experience.
- Celebrating City Government for kids kindergarten through nine or ten year olds. More information to come. We will end with cookies and juices and some prizes. City Administrator Vance will give the kids a tour and all staff will be involved in the program.
- Mayor Jones stated the city has a path to replace the aging pumper. Saint Matthews brought a quint to the fire department for the staff to look over; a quint is a pumper and an aerial. The lead time is about 36 months.
 - City Administrator Vance contacted Bryan Skinner, who is a financial advisor with Ross Sinclair and Associates, who helped the city with the financing on the firehouse. Mr. Skinner said the city can borrow money to finance the firetruck and then the city could invest the money the city borrowed and earn more than the interest that the city is paying. City Administrator Vance outlined the process. More information to come.

Discussion ensued regarding the financing on the firetruck.

Mayor Jones asked City Administrator Vance to set up a business association meeting. The meeting will be on April 25th at 8 a.m. A representative from the Kentucky Highway Department District 6 will be speaking at the meeting.

Council Comments:

Councilman Murphy:

- No comment.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Councilman Blankenship stated he would not be at the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Prayers for Chief Neyman's grandson.
- Councilwoman Decker sent out request for bids on the landscaping to five businesses; only two bids were returned. She gave a brief overview of the bids she received and the work the business would do at the city building and around the city.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the landscaping bids.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Great job to Chief Neyman and his team on the fish frys.
- Excited about the active aging fitness program and the city government for kids day.

Councilman Williams:

- Not in attendance.

Councilman Profitt:

- Thanked the residents for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked the Fire Department for all of their hard work at the fish frys. They do a great job.
- Thanked Councilwoman Decker for her work on the landscaping bids. Councilman Profitt stated with the extra part time help in Public Works, maybe they could do the landscaping work instead of hiring an outside business.

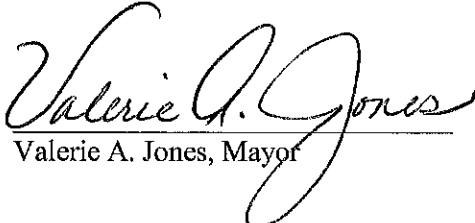
Open Forum:

- No comments from the audience.

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 8:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz, City Clerk