

# CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

May 1, 2023

## City Council Meeting

**The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, May 1, 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, Councilwoman Sandy Decker, Councilman Jim Profit, Councilman Brad Murphy, Councilman Robert Blankenship and Councilman Andy Williams.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the minutes of April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

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

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- May/June Newsletter went out. If anyone needs a copy of the newsletter, please contact the city building.
- Congratulated Castellini on the announcement of their new business, "Hello Fresh." Castellini made this announcement on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The city will welcome around 180 new jobs. The city is very excited.

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

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 23-0501: **A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a one year contract with Jules Comte for police services.**

Upon motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Resolution No. 23-0501: **A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a one year contract with Jules Comte for police services. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

**City Administrator Report:**

- City Administrator Vance stated the city closed on the bond for the new firetruck on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The money is in the capital account. The money will be going out in investments.
- Board of Adjustments meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The two items on the agenda:
  - The appeal regarding the cows on John's Hill Road.
  - The appeal regarding the decision not to issue a permit for a shed on Wesley Overlook.
- Pickleball bids were opened on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The bid went out to five different companies but only one bid was received; that bid was from Riegler Blacktop. The amount of the bid is \$100,166.40. The engineer's estimate was around \$90,000; the bid was around \$10,000 over the estimate. This money will be coming from the capital budget. If council accepts the bid public works could start moving the sand. Riegler stated they could start the project in about 60 days. The funds will be in the FY24 budget. If Riegler can start the project before July 1, 2023; council will amend the FY23 capital budget.

**Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to accept the bid for the new pickleball courts from Riegler Blacktop for \$100,166.40. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

- Shared parking lot agreements are in your mailboxes. Contact City Administrator Vance with any questions.
- Due to the project on South Street; South Street and Andrew's Way will be closed up to 30 days.
- Planning and Zoning approved the map amendment for Thelma Lane and modified fence regulations. More information to come at the next meeting.
- Duke dropped off some poles in Bobby Mackey's parking lot. Bobby Mackey's needed the area for parking. Duke was contacted to remove the poles but the poles were not removed until Sunday morning.

**Assistant City Administrator Report:**

- Spring Cleanup was last weekend, April 27<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Landing. Public Works worked the event.
- Public Works is working hard on getting the Splash Pad up in running. Opening day is Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Splash Pad will close September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- City Wide Yard Sale is May 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Aging Fitness Program started April 27<sup>th</sup>. The next class will be May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer Program is June 5<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>. The program will accept 30 kids. Registration online only.

**Department Reports:**

**Treasurer Report:**

- Nothing to Report.

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

**Police Chief Comments:**

- The Military Surplus Program conducted an audit last Friday of all items received from this program. During the audit they commented that Officer Adam Peak has set the standard for this program; they have not seen anyone run the program as good as Officer Peak.
- Officer Cameron Holland was named as the City's new police detective.
- There is still one vacancy in the police department.

**Fire Chief Comments:**

- Bid Specifications will be advertised this week for the custom built Quint Firetruck.

**Park and Rec Report:**

- Nothing to report.

**Public Works Report:**

- Nothing to report.

**Mayor Jones comments:**

*Old Business:*

- Sexual Harassment Training May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up.
- Employee Personnel Policy Update – Received the first draft from KLC. The Mayor stated the next step will be a meeting with KLC and the immediate staff.
- Aging Fitness Program – the first class was a success; not only for the attendees but for Town and Country. Town and Country emailed the Mayor to let her know that they increased their memberships as a result of the aging fitness class.
- Business Meeting was held on May 25<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended; at least 20 or more business leaders attended the meeting. Thanked some of Council and P&Z for attending the meeting.
- The Petting Zoo and Family Fun Day was a huge success. Thanked Councilwoman Meiser and the volunteers, police, fire and everyone who helped that day.
- Budget was sent to council over the weekend; this is a month earlier than normal.

- Mayor Jones stated as Mayor she does have the authority to grant an increase to the elected officials. She stated the COLA is 5.9% and the CPI is 6.5%. Mayor Jones stated she felt the decision should be voted on by council and not a decision she should make alone.
  - Discussion ensued regarding the COLA or CPI raise for council.
    - No decision was made on a COLA or CPI raise. Mayor Jones asked council to think about it and contact her with any questions or feedback.

*New Business:*

- JD Chaney the CEO of KLC and Mayor Hamburg the President of KLC requested a meeting with Mayor Jones. Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance met with them last week. The meeting went very well.
- Mike Bezold with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will be speaking at the next council meeting. He will present the topic of the I-275/AA Highway Interchange study. This same presentation was given at the business meeting last month.
- Shop Local is this Friday. Please support the Wilder businesses.
- Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance met with Campbell Media today on how they can better promote Wilder. There is no cost for these services.

*Councilwoman Meiser inquired on the changes with the Employee Personnel Policy and the next steps.*

*City Administrator Vance stated he is still going page by page through the manual. He commented the changes they made in the manual are mainly state and federal law requirements. City Administrator Vance gave an overview of some of the changes.*

*Discussion ensued regarding the changes to the Employee Personnel Policy.*

**Council Comments:**

**Councilwoman Meiser:**

- The Petting Zoo – Family Fun Event was a success. Thanked Police and Fire and all of Three Mile Road for all of their help. Thanked all the volunteers. Thanked Councilman Williams for the hamburgers that were donated by JTM. It was a success because of everyone's help. Thank you to everyone.
- Congratulated Officer Holland on his new position of Detective.
- Congratulated Officer Adam Peak on doing such a great job with the Military surplus items.

**Councilwoman Decker:**

- Landscaping update: There has been some issues with getting a business to beautify the landscaping. Councilwoman Decker spoke with Aaron Keene from Public Works and he feels Public Works can update the landscaping around the building. It will take some time to be completed, probably throughout the summer. Councilwoman Decker asked for council's feedback.
  - Council thought this was a great idea. Councilman Profitt asked if the City will be hiring part time help in Public Works this summer. Assistant City Administrator Norris stated the city will be hiring one seasonal person to help out in Public Works. They will work June to September.

**Councilman Blankenship:**

- Congratulated Officer Cameron Holland on his new position of Detective.
- Recognized Officer Adam Peak on doing such a great job with the Military surplus items.
- Welcomed TJ Selby to the police department and welcomed Officer Jules Comte back.

**Councilwoman Murphy:**

- The Petting Zoo – Family Fun Event was a lot of fun.

**Councilman Williams:**

- Congratulated Officer Peak on his work with the Military Surplus items.
- Welcomed TJ Selby to the Wilder Police Department.
- Thanked Councilwoman Meiser for a great Family Fun Event.

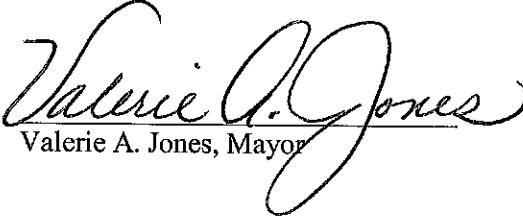
**Councilman Profitt:**

- Echoed all of council's comments. Thanked Councilwoman Meiser for a great Family Fun Event. It was awesome.
- Thanked all the department heads and all the employees for doing such a great job.


**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 8:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023.

  
Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Juanita Schultz - City Clerk