

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

June 5, 2023

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, June 5, 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 Profitt, Councilman Brad Murphy, and Councilman Andy Williams.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve the minutes of May 15, 2023 Regular Meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Thanked Mayor Hamberg for the invitation to the Beverly Hills Supper Club Memorial.
- Fischer Homes has started their development at SunRock as planned. Mayor Jones will be publishing an update to the community regarding this development. There will be information posted on Facebook and an email will be going out to the residents.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 23-0502: **An Ordinance amending the official zoning map of the City of Wilder from residential rural estate (R-RE) to residential one D (R-1D) for property located along the west side of Thelma Lane specifically the addresses of 10, 14, 16 and 18 Thelma Lane as shown on the attached map from Link GIS. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 23-0502: **An Ordinance amending the official zoning map of the City of Wilder from residential rural estate (R-RE) to residential one D (R-1D) for property located along the west side of Thelma Lane specifically the addresses of 10, 14, 16 and 18 Thelma Lane as shown on the attached map from Link GIS. (Second Reading) Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 23-0503: **An Ordinance amending the official zoning text of the City of Wilder zoning ordinance article 13 section 13.3 and figure 13.1. (Second Reading)**

Councilwoman Meiser asked how many fences will have to be removed due to this zoning change.

City Administrator Vance stated unless there are complaints, they will not make anyone remove their fence.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Ordinance No. 23-0503: **An Ordinance amending the official zoning text of the City of Wilder zoning ordinance article 13 section 13.3 and figure 13.1. (Second Reading) Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Mayor Jones asked Attorney Verst to move to the last Resolution on the agenda and then come back to the budget ordinance.

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 23-0601: **A Resolution accepting the bid for a 78 foot Quint Fire Truck and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase.**

Short discussion ensued regarding the bid for the Quint Fire Truck.

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve Resolution No. 23-0601: **A Resolution accepting the bid for a 78 foot Quint Fire Truck and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 23-0602: **An Ordinance of the City of Wilder, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending previously adopted Ordinances imposing regulations and taxes on those engaged in franchises, trades, occupations, professions and other businesses. (First Reading)**

Short discussion ensued regarding amending the Ordinance.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Meiser, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Ordinance No. 23-0602: **An Ordinance of the City of Wilder, in Campbell County, Kentucky, amending previously adopted Ordinances imposing regulations and taxes on those engaged in franchises, trades, occupations, professions and other businesses. (First Reading) Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Mayor Jones asked Ryan Wielgus to come forward to be sworn in by Attorney Verst. The Resolution authorizing his hiring was passed at the last meeting.

Attorney Verst swore in Officer Wielgus.

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 23-0601: **An Ordinance adopting the City of Wilder, Kentucky's annual budget for Fiscal Year 07/01/2023 through 6/30/2024 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jones thanked everyone for the attention they gave the budget and a special thanks to the staff. Mayor Jones thanked Juanita, City Administrator Vance, Chief Neyman, Chief Martin, and Assistant City Administrator Norris for all of their help.

Mayor Jones stated the city building needs some updating. There is a line item in the capital budget to update some things at city hall.

Mayor Jones thanked council for working with her on the budget.

Mayor Jones gave a brief overview on the annual budget that was presented to council.

Mayor Jones had two notable goals for the new budget:

1. Implement a merit pay program
2. Retention agreement for the fire department

There is a retention contract for police and fire and the first payment will be paid out in July of 2023.

The police department contracted a yearly raise which is part of their retention agreement. This raise was going to set them back in comparison where they should be. The contracted hourly rate for the police officers has been adjusted for this fiscal year and the contracts have been amended to align with the raises for the other departments.

Discussion ensued regarding the FY24 annual budget.

Councilman Murphy asked about the threshold that makes an item a capital expenditure.

City Administrator Vance stated it is based off the amount and the life expectancy.

Councilwoman Decker stated she was good right now on the budget.

Councilwoman Meiser stated she was happy the city wanted to be consistent with police. She wanted fire to receive their first retention payment in July of 2023.

City Administrator Vance stated fire will be getting their first retention payment in July of 2023. The first payout is \$2,500, the second payment in July of 2024, payout \$3,500 and the third payment in July of 2025, payout \$4,500.

Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance confirmed the payouts for fire were consistent with police.

Councilwoman Meiser stated the fire retention contract she was given did not state those three payouts.

Mayor Jones confirmed the three payouts.

Councilwoman Meiser stated due to her background in insurance, she thought the insurance premium revenue was too low. She stated the city collected \$933,000 for this fiscal year, and she thought the revenue should be at least that amount. Councilwoman Meiser thought the city was being too conservative on this revenue. She also stated she would like to increase that line up and adjust some of the employees' salaries.

Councilwoman Meiser stated she would like the merit pay to go towards their salaries and not a one-time amount. She thought the amounts were too low for fire and police.

Councilman Williams agreed with Councilwoman Meiser and thought fire and police should have the same amounts paid out in the retention agreement.

Councilman Profitt thanked everyone for working on the budget. He stated he feels the city is still low in some areas and some salaries still need to be adjusted.

Councilwoman Meiser stated she would like to increase the insurance premium; City Administrator Vance stated if the total numbers change in the budget, there will have to be another first reading on the budget.

Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approve Ordinance No. 23-0601: **An Ordinance adopting the City of Wilder, Kentucky's annual budget for Fiscal Year 07/01/2023 through 6/30/2024 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government. (First Reading) Mayor Jones called for a vote.**

Councilwoman Decker	Yes
Councilman Proffitt	Yes
Councilwoman Meiser	No
Councilman Murphy	Yes
Councilman Williams	Yes

Motion carried.

Attorney Verst stated the BOA hearing regarding the issue on John's Hill Road agreed with City Administrator Vance regarding the violation. There has been a suit filed regarding that violation.

City Administrator Report:

- There was request for someone to open up a Dog Grooming business in the old Gold Star Chili building.

Discussion ensued regarding a dog grooming business.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Murphy to allow the Planning Commission to look into a dog grooming business in the highway commercial zone. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

- Public Works is removing the sand from the sand volleyball courts. Riegler Blacktop will start the construction of the pickle ball courts in July.

Assistant City Administrator Report:

- Not in attendance.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Nothing to Report.

Police Chief Comments:

- Not in attendance.

Sergeant Collins was in attendance. Nothing to report.

Fire Chief Comments:

- The fire department completed the CPR class at Building Crafts.
- Thanked council for approving the Quint fire truck.

Mayor Jones comments:*Old Business:*

- Thanked Chief Neyman for the invite to the Fish Fry Volunteer party.
- Matt Elberfeld from the Campbell County Fiscal Court will be speaking at a meeting in the future regarding our partnership with the County.
- Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance will be meeting with KLC on June 26 regarding the personnel policy update.
- Aging Fitness Program update – a great turnout at the last class.
- State Representative Roberts agreed to be an advocate for the City to try and get some road repairs addressed at the 275 and AA interchange and the John's Hill and Pooles Creek connector. Mayor Jones thanked City Administrator Vance for completing the documents needed to start the process. City Administrator Vance stated he also sent the documents to Senator Frommeyer.

New Business:

- Mayor Jones suggested to move the July 3rd meeting to July 10th due to the holiday on July 4th.

Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to move the July 3rd meeting to July 10th. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

- Mayor Jones is excited about the new development in Wilder. She stated there may be a need for some executive sessions. Mayor Jones handed out a sheet that outlines what qualifies for an executive session.
- Mayor Jones stated there are some projects that are being lined up so she may be contacting some of the officials.

Council Comments:**Councilwoman Meiser:**

- Councilwoman Meiser stated there has been many issues with Rumpke.
 - Mayor Jones stated she asked Assistant City Administrator Norris to put a Public Service Announcement on the City's Facebook Page. The announcement asked residents and businesses to contact the city building with any issues regarding Rumpke.
- Thanked Juanita for answering her budget questions.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Public Works is doing a great job on the landscaping.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Not in attendance.

Councilman Murphy:

- Budget looks good and he feels all departments are going in the right direction.
- Councilman Murphy may be late at the next meeting.

Councilman Williams:

- Nothing to report.

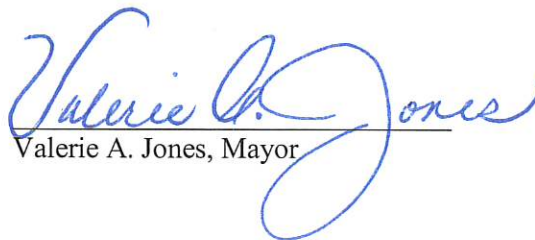
Councilman Profitt:

- Councilman Profitt stated the landscaping looks really good. Public Works is doing a great job.
- Councilman Profitt asked City Administrator Vance who cut the weeds on Licking Pike.
 - City Administrator Vance stated Merkle Landscaping did the work.
- Councilman Profitt asked if the city has heard anything from the Steel Plant on the land they were going to donate to the city.
 - City Administrator Vance stated the city has to reapply due to the change in administration.

Adjournment:

Upon motion of Councilwomen Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser 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, June 19, 2023.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk