

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

August 7, 2023

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, August 7, 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 Councilman Andy Williams, Councilwoman Sandy Decker, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Brad Murphy, and Councilman Bob Blankenship.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the minutes of July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mayor Jones asked council to speak into their microphones so they could be heard.
- Mayor Jones introduced two residents of Wilder, Richard Fowler and Nancy Lauer. They will be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board.
- Welcomed a new Paramedic/Firefighter, Chris Cruze, and his family to the meeting tonight.
- Welcomed Aaron Keene and his family to the meeting. Aaron will be recognized for his promotion tonight.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 23-0701: **An Ordinance amending the personnel policy by adopting, updating and revising the pay plan for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Ordinance No. 23-0701: **An Ordinance amending the personnel policy by adopting, updating and revising the pay plan for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (Second Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 23-0702: **An Ordinance amending the police department policy and procedures manual by adding policy number 55 secondary employment. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve Ordinance No. 23-0702: **An Ordinance amending the police department policy and procedures manual by adding policy number 55 secondary employment. (Second Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 23-0801: **An Ordinance levying and imposing an annual waste collection/recycling service charge upon owners of improved real estate, persons, firms, and corporations, and businesses and professions in the City of Wilder, Campbell County, Kentucky, fixing the amount of said charge; specifying the purpose for which levied; providing a penalty for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; setting forth the general provisions for waste collection and recycling and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith. (First Reading)**

City Administrator Vance stated this Ordinance is not to set the exact rate of the collection; that will be set by tax ordinance.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 23-0801: **An Ordinance levying and imposing an annual waste collection/recycling service charge upon owners of improved real estate, persons, firms, and corporations, and businesses and professions in the City of Wilder, Campbell County, Kentucky, fixing the amount of said charge; specifying the purpose for which levied; providing a penalty for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; setting forth the general provisions for waste collection and recycling and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith. (First Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 23-0801: **A Resolution appointing Christopher N. Cruze to the position of full time firefighter/paramedic for the Wilder Fire Department.**

Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Resolution No. 23-0801. **A Resolution appointing Christopher N. Cruze to the position of full time firefighter/paramedic for the Wilder Fire Department. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Paramedic/Firefighter Chris Cruze was sworn in by Attorney Verst.

Attorney Verst presented Resolution No. 23-0802: **A Resolution promoting Aaron Keene to the position of crew leader for the Wilder Public Works Department.**

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve Resolution No. 23-0802: **A Resolution promoting Aaron Keene to the position of crew leader for the Wilder Public Works Department. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

After a long discussion ensued regarding the waste bids, Councilwoman Meiser stated she has contacts at some of the cities that use Best Way and she would contact them to get some feedback regarding Best Way's waste collection service.

Council agreed this would be a good idea. Once the feedback was received, it would be shared with all of council.

The waste bid contract will be tabled until the September meeting.

Mayor Jones stated that Assistant City Administrator Chuck Norris will be retiring on September 1st. She stated Chuck has been such a great asset to the city and to each department and he will be deeply missed.

Assistant City Administrator Report:

- Chuck thanked everyone for working with him over the years. He has enjoyed working at Wilder. It is a great place to work.
- Washington Marina completed dredging at the landing today.
- Congratulations to Aaron Keene.
- Movie Night August 12th.
- Touch-a-Truck August 26th.
- Flag Raising September 10th.
- Music Fest September 16th.
- Citywide yard sale – September 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

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 June 2023. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Police Chief Comments:

- Chief Martin was not in attendance.

Sergeant Mickey Collins attended the meeting.

- Congratulated Chuck on his retirement.
- The new Tahoe is not on the road; the department is waiting on some equipment and details for it.
- Ryan Wielgus will be moving into solo patrol. He has done an excellent job.
- Northern Kentucky area has had an increase in auto theft.
- The 2023 Northern Kentucky Police Chiefs Association Pistol Match was last Saturday. Wilder had 5 officers represented in the Pistol Match. There was a total of 25 officers that participated in the match. Officer Adam Peak took first place overall. The other four officers did very well; Officer Wielgus, Officer Miller, Officer Holland and Sergeant Zink.

Mayor Jones thanked Sergeant Collins for all the updates on Officer Wielgus.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Congratulated Chuck on his retirement.
- Congratulated Chris Cruze on his new position at the fire department.
- Congratulated Aaron Keene on his new position.

Mayor Jones comments:

Old Business:

- Congratulated the new members to the Planning and Zoning Board.
- Congratulated Aaron on his promotion.
- Welcomed Paramedic/Firefighter Chris Cruze.
- Hearing Seminar went very well.
- Personnel Policy is moving along well. It is a personal goal of Mayor Jones for nothing to be taken away from the employees.
- Mayor Jones is working on the annual report; the report is almost complete.
- Active Aging went very well. One person will earn the reward for attending all 9 classes.

Councilwoman Meiser asked what the status was on the amendment to the budget made by council to adjust five salaries.

Mayor Jones said the adjustment was made and the monies are sitting in each department.

New Business:

- Additional monies were received from the Opioid Settlement.
- Mayor Jones will be attending the Campbell County Mayor and Fiscal Court meeting tomorrow night.
- Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance will be meeting with Southbank Partners on Wednesday.
- The annual report will be published on the website.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Congratulated Chuck on his retirement. Thanked him for always being so helpful.
- Congratulated Aaron Keene on his promotion.
- Welcomed Paramedic/Firefighter Chris Cruze to the Fire Department.
- Welcomed and thanked Nancy and Richard for volunteering their time.
- Congratulated the police officers on the Pistol Match. Great job.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Congratulated Chuck on his retirement.
- Congratulated Aaron Keene on his promotion.
- Welcomed Paramedic/Firefighter Chris Cruze to the Fire Department.
- Welcomed and thanked Nancy and Richard for volunteering their time.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Congratulated Chuck on his retirement.
- Congratulated Aaron Keene on his promotion.
- Welcomed Paramedic/Firefighter Chris Cruze to the Fire Department.
- Welcomed and thanked Nancy and Richard for volunteering their time.
- Thanked Rumpke and Best Way for coming to the meeting.

Councilman Murphy:

- Congratulated and welcomed Nancy and Richard to the Planning and Zoning Board. Thanked them for volunteering.
- Congratulated Chuck
- Landscaping looks great.
- Asked for an update on the house across the street.
 - City Administrator Vance stated he has reached out to another commercial builder. More information to come.

Councilman Williams:

- Congratulated Chuck on his retirement.
- Congratulated Aaron Keene on his promotion.
- Welcomed Paramedic/Firefighter Chris Cruze to the Fire Department.
- Welcomed and thanked Nancy and Richard for volunteering their time.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Not in attendance.

Mayor Jones stated the city has not received the property tax rates from the NKADD as of today.

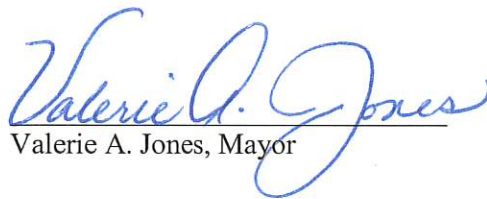
Open Forum:

- Darlene Spicer thanked City Administrator Vance for getting the turning lane installed at the entrance of Bentwood Hills.
- Darlene Spicer thanked Assistant City Administrator Norris and congratulated him on his retirement.

Adjournment:

Upon motion of Councilwomen Decker, seconded by Councilman Williams 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 Tuesday September 5, 2023.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk