

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

July 10, 2023

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, July 10, 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, Councilman Jim Profitt, Councilman Murphy, and Councilman Bob Blankenship.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the minutes of June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mayor Jones met with each department on July 29th regarding the merit pay program. The employees were very excited about this new program.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 23-0603: An Ordinance amending the personnel policy by adopting, updating and revising the pay plan for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (Second Reading)

Ordinance No. 23-0603 had to be revised prior to second reading; therefore dies for the lack of any action.

This Ordinance will be replaced by Ordinance No. 23-0701.

Attorney Verst presented Ordinance No. 23-0604: An Ordinance amending the City of Wilder personnel policy by adding the position of crew leader for the Public Works Department for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (Second Reading)

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Ordinance No. 23-0604: **An Ordinance amending the City of Wilder personnel policy by adding the position of crew leader for the Public Works Department for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (Second Reading) Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

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. (First Reading)

Mayor Jones stated per the KLC they recommended the pay plan include all compensation an employee can earn.

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. (First 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. (First Reading)

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

City Administrator Report:

- *Update on lawsuit:* The City filed an answer to the lawsuit; it is in the hands of the Circuit Court.

Assistant City Administrator Report:

- The city will accept bids for solid waste pickup for 2024. The bid will be for 3 years with 3 option years.
- Riegler Blacktop will start on the new pickle ball courts on Monday.
- Active Aging's next class is July 19th.
- The Library will be at City Center Park on July 12th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Summer Camp's last day is July 21st.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Nothing to report.

Police Chief Comments:

- Mayor Jones attended the department meeting last week to discuss the merit pay program and the new budget. The new merit pay program was well received by the officers.
- The new Tahoe for the department has been ordered.
- Ryan Wielgus is continuing his field training and doing very well.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Mayor Jones attended the staff meeting last week to discuss the merit pay program and the new budget. Thanked Mayor Jones for attending the meeting.
- The fire department received a grant for a combination rescue tool.

Mayor Jones comments:

Old Business:

- City Administrator Vance and Mayor Jones met with KLC on July 26th regarding the personnel policy. The next meeting will be by July 31st.
- Celebrate City Government went very well. Thanked the staff for all of their hard work.
- Mayor Jones, City Administrator Vance, Councilman Blankenship and Councilman Murphy met with Fred Macke, a commercial realtor, regarding the two houses across the street.
- Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance will be meeting with Southbank Group on August 9th. The focus will be on the development along the river.
- There have been 4 suggestions put in the suggestion box.

New Business:

- Hearing Health Seminar is scheduled for next week.
- Cybersecurity Seminar is scheduled for September.
- Medicare Seminar will be held in October.
- There will also be a Financial Seminar in September and October.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Not in Attendance.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Councilwoman Decker spoke to Aaron regarding the landscaping at the City Building.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Councilman Blankenship asked for an update on the Neyer Properties.
 - City Administrator Vance stated that Neyer would like to have a tenant and make sure the water line can be installed before they move forward.
- Councilman Blankenship stated there is some separation again on John's Hill Road.

Councilman Murphy:

- Celebrate City Government was very nice.

Councilman Williams:

- Nothing to report.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Nothing to report.

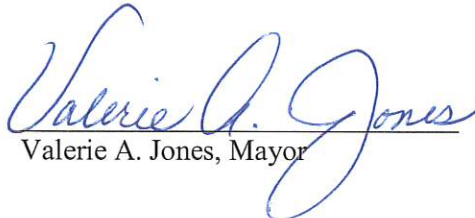
Open Forum:

- Darlene Spicer asked for an update on the Bentwood Hills turn lane.
 - City Administrator Vance stated they will be meeting with the City Engineer tomorrow.

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 7:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk