

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

January 2, 2024

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 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 Sandy Decker, Councilman Bob Blankenship, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Andy Williams and Councilman Jim Proffitt.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023 and December 4, 2023 regular meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mayor Jones stated she does anticipate Fischer to present at the February meeting.
- Thanked some generous donors for their donations to the police and fire departments
- Chief Martin will give an update on the police recruitment strategy.
- Thanked Councilwoman Meiser, Karen and the public works team for all of their help on the Snowman Scavenger Hunt.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Beck addressed some questions regarding the City Attorney position appointed by the Mayor. Attorney Beck stated he is not a full time employee, he was hired under contract; therefore the hiring process does not need to be approved by council. Attorney Beck stated under the KRS the Mayor has authority to enter into the contract, without council's approval; this process was vetted through the Kentucky League of Cities.

- Discussion ensued with council regarding the hiring of the city attorney's position, purchase of the City Administrator's car, and posting of a police recruit without any input from council.

Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 24-0101: A Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, and establishing the term of office for that member. Orest Melnyk be appointed to the Wilder Planning Commission to fill the vacant position created by the resignation of Tom Green with a term of office is to expire August 31, 2027.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Resolution No. 24-0101: A Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, and establishing the term of office for that member. Orest Melnyk be appointed to the Wilder Planning Commission to fill the vacant position created by the resignation of Tom Green with a term of office is to expire August 31, 2027. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

- City Administrator Vance stated “no parking” signs need to be posted on Overlook Circle at the intersection of Wesley.
- City Administrator Vance would like to move forward with the Nuisance Ordinance. He will present at the February meeting.
- Three streets need to get Geo Technical exploration due to the minor slides.
 - Bentwood Hills Drive
 - Vine Street
 - St. John’s Lane
- Sanitary sewer line design and approvals are complete for Fredericks Landing/John’s Hill Road Project.
- Gloria Terrell water line has been installed.
- The waste transition went fairly smooth. Any questions or issues with your waste collection, contact the city clerk’s office.
- Carl’s Case update: a bill from Adam’s Law was received for \$8,767.50. The case is in the Judge’s hands.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Delinquent property tax letters will be going out next week.

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

Police Chief Comments:

- Recruit update: Three recruit applicants will be taking their phase I testing on January 10th (PT test/Suitability Screener).
- Chief Martin ordered new traffic safety vests that illuminate with LED lights.
- Thanked the anonymous donor for their donation to the police department.

Fire Chief Comments:**Chief Neyman:**

- Thanked the anonymous donor for their donation to the fire department.
- Thanked Barleycorn's Brewhouse for inviting the fire department to be part of the rollout of their new beer "WildFire" on December 27th, 2023. It went very well. Thanked council for attending the event.

Mayor Jones comments:

Thanked Rick and Mary Gurren for their donation to the city.

Old Business:

- Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance met with Chief Neyman and Chief Martin regarding the new personnel policy updates.
- Mayor Jones will meet with each department next week.
- The house across the street is being rented as of December 2023.

New Business:

- Banner update: will work on getting some banners in the businesses' parking lots. Mayor Jones also had residents reach out to her regarding pictures of veterans on the banners. The city will look into this.
- Thanked Councilman Blankenship for helping to evaluate the Southbank Partners proposal.

Council Comments:**Councilman Proffitt:**

- Welcomed all the residents to the meeting.
- Wished everyone a Happy and Safe New Year.
- Thanked all the employees for all they do for the city.
- Thanked Chief Neyman.

Councilman Murphy:

- Not in attendance.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Welcomed all the residents to the meeting.
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thanked everyone who made donations to the city.
- Thanked Aaron, Andrew, Karen and Juanita for their help with the Snowman Scavenger Hunt.
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Williams:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

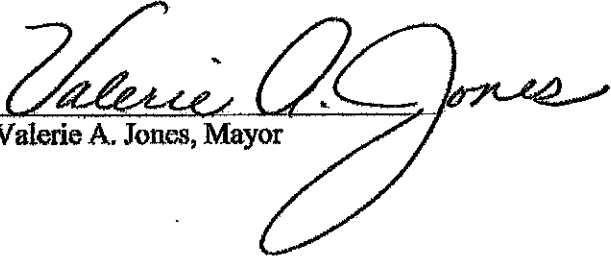
Open Forum:

- Tina Eichman (Three Mile Road) spoke regarding the Fischer Development.
- Darleen Spicer (Timber Ridge Drive) spoke regarding the hiring of new counsel.

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 8:06 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on February 5, 2023.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk