

# CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

February 5, 2024

## City Council Meeting

**The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, February 5, 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 Brad Murphy, Councilman Bob Blankenship, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Andy Williams and Councilman Jim Proffitt.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

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

- Mayor Jones stated Fischer Development will not be attending the meeting this evening.
- Auditor will be attending the March or April meeting to go over the FY23 audit.

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

Attorney Beck updated council on the Carl's Case. (Cows on John Hills Road) Judge Ward issued an opinion January 31, 2024 upholding the Board of Adjustments decision. There is another hearing on February 15, 2024 on two other counts.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 24-0201: **An Ordinance amending Chapter 90 Section 96.01 (A) and (C) of the Wilder Municipal Code regarding public nuisance, and the procedure to remedy public nuisances.**

Upon motion of Councilwoman Meiser, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Ordinance No. 24-0201: **An Ordinance amending Chapter 90 Section 96.01 (A) and (C) of the Wilder Municipal Code regarding public nuisance, and the procedure to remedy public nuisances. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 24-0202: **An Ordinance of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, providing for a credit of its Occupational License fee for new employees as part of an economic development project by Castellini Company, LLC under the Kentucky Business Investment Program (KRS 154.32-010-KRS 154.32-100).**

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Ordinance No. 24-0202: **An Ordinance of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, providing for a credit of its Occupational License fee for new employees as part of an economic development project by Castellini Company, LLC under the Kentucky Business Investment Program (KRS 154.32-010-KRS 154.32-100).** Mayor Jones called for a vote. **Motion carried.**

Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 24-0201: **An Resolution of the City of Wilder accepting the grant, approving the grant assistance agreement, authorizing the amendment of the City of Wilder's Annual Budget, and authorizing a representative to sign all related documents.**

*Discussion ensued regarding the grant for the sanitary sewer.*

Upon motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Resolution No. 24-0201: **A Resolution of the City of Wilder accepting the grant, approving the grant assistance agreement, authorizing the amendment of the City of Wilder's Annual Budget, and authorizing a representative to sign all related documents.** Mayor Jones called for a vote. **Motion carried.**

City Administrator Vance will be the Project Manager for this project.

**City Administrator Report:**

- City Administrator Vance stated he is working on random drug and alcohol testing for fire and police.
- City Administrator Vance attended the Fiscal Courts Mayor's meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
- City Administrator Vance stated he is setting up the 2024 Health Works incentives for employees.

**Department Reports:**

**Treasurer Report:**

- *Delinquent Property Tax update* – around \$30,000 delinquent.

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

**Police Chief Comments:**

**Chief Martin:**

- Chief Martin stated he has pamphlets to hand out at the end of the meeting about the Smart 911 program.
- *Update on the Recruiting Process* – The city has 3 solid applicants. They will run criminal background checks on all 3. The next recruiting class is in August and it is filling up fast.

**Fire Chief Comments:**

**Chief Neyman:**

- Fish Frys start February 16<sup>th</sup> and runs through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Time – 4:00 to 7:00.
- Barleycorn's Brewhouse sent a check for the fundraiser last month. The check was for \$1,425.
- The fire department will be hiring and they have 6 solid applicants.

**Mayor Jones comments:**

*Old Business:*

- Mayor Jones stated it was her honor to represent the city at the installation of officers for Southgate Fire.
- Councilman Blankenship will give an update on Southbank Partners.
- Mayor Jones met with Be NKY regarding the Steel Plant. The meeting was encouraging.
- Veteran's Banners – work in progress.

*New Business:*

- Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance met with a representative from OneKY Alliance regarding "smoke free city". They are trying to encourage cities to go smoke free.
- Medical Marijuana – Council needs to think about this in the near future whether the city will opt in or opt out of medical marijuana.
- Calendar of Events – copy in your folders.

Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Council Comments:**

**Councilwoman Decker:**

- Nothing to report.

**Councilman Blankenship:**

- *Southbank Partners update* – Councilman Blankenship attended one meeting and he will be attending more meetings before the decision is made if it will be beneficial for the city to join Southbank Partners. There is a cost associated with it. The cost is \$15,000 a year. More information to come.

**Councilman Murphy:**

- Nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Meiser:**

- Nothing to report.

**Councilman Williams:**

- Nothing to report.

**Councilman Profitt:**

- Thanked City Administrator Vance for addressing the problem with the recycling dumpster on South Street; it was always full. There will be pick up on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Councilman Profitt stated he received a call from a resident regarding an IRB for Fischer. He explained to the resident that there has not been any discussion regarding IRB's since last year and he is not aware of any new information.

*Discussion ensued regarding Fischer's Development.*

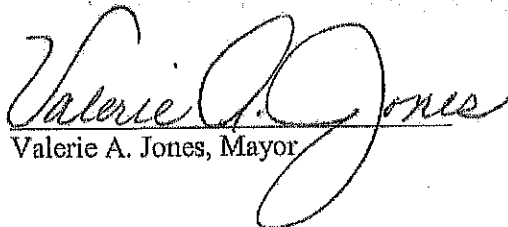
**Open Forum:**

- Gary Scotty – 9 Beverly Circle. Mr. Scotty asked about the insurance premium tax on his insurance bill. City Administrator Vance stated there is a 10% tax on all insurance premiums; this is paid to the City of Wilder. Mr. Vance also stated this was not a new tax.

**Adjournment:**

**Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on March 4, 2024.

  
Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Juanita Schultz - City Clerk