

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

April 1, 2024

City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, April 1, 2024 in the downstairs hall 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 Councilman Williams to approve the minutes of March 4, 2024. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Welcomed Paul Maddox to the meeting. Mr. Maddox is the City's auditor; he will be sharing the state of the city's financial position. He will also be sharing his audit findings.

Invited Guests:

Mayor Jones welcomed Paul Maddox to the podium.

Paul Maddox, Maddox and Associates CPA, Auditor for the City of Wilder.

Mr. Maddox gave a presentation and reviewed the 2023 Financial Report.

Mayor Jones thanked Paul for coming to the meeting.

Citizens Comments Open Forum – 3 minutes, must state your name and address.

Mayor Jones stated the residents would have 3 minutes to speak. If anyone needs additional time another resident may yield them their time.

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Residents that took the podium to speak at the meeting:

1. Tyna Eichman
2. Jeff Moles
3. Thomas Everson
4. Greg Castle
5. Garrett Scotty
6. Darleen Spicer

Mayor's comments:

Mayor Jones stated the city received the final IRB Resolution prepared by Mr. Parsons. Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Parsons. The Resolution was approved by Attorney Beck and then emailed to council last Wednesday.

Mayor Jones gave an overview of the Fischer Project.

Attorney Beck explained the IRB and council's role in approving the IRB.

Discussion ensued regarding the IRB.

Jim Parsons took the podium to explain SEEK funds and the IRB.

Attorney Beck asked Jim Parsons if a sentence could be added to the Resolution. Mr. Parsons stated the changes could be added to Resolution No. 24-0401.

Greg Fischer took the podium to answer questions from the residents and council.

Attorney Beck went over the changes made to the Resolution.

Additions:

Page 3 - WHEREAS, the Developer shall provide a full indemnification to the City (the "Indemnification"); and

Page A-5 - (e) The Developer will provide a full indemnification provision to the City all aspects related to the issuance of the Bonds.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 24-0401: **A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Wilder, Kentucky (The "City"), authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement between the City and Developer (as hereinafter defined) relating to the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of a mixed-type residential development (the "project"); agreeing to undertake the issuance of Industrial Building Revenue Bonds at the appropriate time to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping and installing said project and facilities; approving an agreement in lieu of taxes with the developer; taking other preliminary action; and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents in furtherance of this resolution.**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Resolution No. 24-0401: **A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Wilder, Kentucky (The "City"), authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement between the City and Developer (as hereinafter defined) relating to the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of a mixed-type residential development (the "project"); agreeing to undertake the issuance of Industrial Building Revenue Bonds at the appropriate time to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping and installing said project and facilities; approving an agreement in lieu of taxes with the developer; taking other preliminary action; and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents in furtherance of this resolution.**

Mayor Jones took a roll-call vote:

Councilman Murphy -	Yes
Councilman Blankenship -	Yes
Councilwoman Decker -	Abstained
Councilwoman Meiser -	No
Councilman Williams -	Yes
Councilman Profitt -	Yes

Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

- Chief Neyman and Councilman Murphy served on the NKADD Hazard Mitigation Plan. City Administrator Vance will send the link to council for them to review. NKADD is asking all cities to adopt the plan. City Administrator Vance will have a Resolution at the next meeting.
- Work has started on the street projects: Town, Plum, Colonel and Guardian. Spreadsheet was emailed to council of the cost of the streets. City Administrator Vance asked council if they wanted to add Aspen and Frosty. He asked for a motion if council wanted to add them.

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Upon motion from Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Aspen Court and Frosty Court street repairs for a total of \$178,542. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

- The city took its final salt delivery.
- Andrews Way Street lighting is complete.
- Historical Society Christmas Tree Program – The Historical Society puts up Christmas Trees at the County Courthouse in Alexandria as a fundraiser. They are looking for another area to put more trees. They asked if they could use the area along Licking Pike in front of the city building. The Everson's said they would head up the project in Wilder. People can purchase a tree for the season and decorate the tree in the name of a loved one. Council thought it was a good idea.
- County clean up days are April 26th and 27th from 8 to 5 at Frederick's Landing.
- Sewer bid Opening is April 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Thanked everyone for all of their help with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Delinquent Property Tax update: around \$19,000 delinquent.

Upon motion from Councilman Proffitt, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the financial report and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending February 2024. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- Officer Peak acquired 10 storage containers and a 2004 Chevy Pickup Truck from the Military Surplus Store. Chief Martin thanked Officer Peak.
- *Update on the Recruiting Process* – The background check came back on the 3 applicants. The city will move forward to Phase 2 on the top two applicants. Chief Martin will take the applicants to Lexington on Wednesday to take their polygraph test.

Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Thanked everyone for their help with the fish fries.
- The First Quarter Report is in your binders.
- *Update on new hire* – The city is moving forward with 2 applicants. The next step is background checks and psychological testing.
- The Fire Department applied for the SAFER grant. If received, the grant will be awarded next November. The grant would be for 3 firefighters at 100% for two years.

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Mayor Jones comments:

Old Business:

- Thanked everyone involved with the Easter Egg Hunt. It was a huge success.
- Legalization of Cannabis update: City Administrator Vance, Attorney Beck and Mayor Jones participated on a conference call to remain apprised of the implementation and enforcement of the new legislation.
 - City Administrator Vance gave an update on the timeline. More information will come to council in the near future.
- Budget update: The staff is working on the budget. Revenues cannot be estimated with the level of certainty needed until late April early May. Mayor Jones will keep council updated.
- Veteran's Banner update: Several residents have shown interest in the banners. More information to come in the near future.
- Blood Drive update: There will be 3 blood drives in the city this year.
- Opioid Settlement update: Additional monies are coming into the city. Juanita gave an update of monies received to date. Mayor Jones stated there are strict guidelines on how the money can be spent. There is no deadline when the money has to be spent.
- ARPA update: Mayor Jones asked council for some suggestions or ideas on how they would like to see the money spent. Mayor Jones thanked Councilman Blankenship on his input.

New Business:

- Mayor Jones is looking into an EV charging station. Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance met with an EV charging station turnkey provider last year. They recently came out to do an assessment and they were looking for locations for charging stations. More information to come.

Council Comments:

Councilman Murphy:

- Councilman Murphy asked for an update on Newport Steel/ Tenaris.
 - City Administrator Vance stated there was nothing to report. Still reaching out to the owners.
- Easter Egg Hunt went very well.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Southbank update: Councilman Blankenship is working with City Administrator Vance on scheduling a meeting with Southbank. More information to come.
- Councilman Blankenship asked for an update on Neyer Property.
 - City Administrator Vance stated the water line is completed and the brush has been cleaned up.
- Thanked the residents for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked Paul Maddox for the budget presentation.
- Thanked Fischer Homes for coming to the meeting to answer more questions.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Condolences to the Cruze Family.
- The landscaping looks great around the city building.
- Councilwoman Decker stated she is excited about the new prospects for Police and Fire.
- Blood Drive – May 15th, August 7th and December 18th.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Condolences to the Cruze Family.
- Thanked Paul Maddox for coming to the meeting.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked if there was anyone interested in the old Gold Star Building.
 - City Administrator Vance stated there was no interest at this time.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked when council was going to see the first draft of the budget.
 - City Administrator Vance stated council could possibly have the first draft of the budget by the first week in May.

Councilman Williams:

- Thanked the residents for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked everyone involved with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Condolences to the Cruze Family.
- Councilman Proffitt stated he thinks ARPA funds should be used for infrastructure and to help businesses come into the city.
- Thanked everyone involved with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Thanked the residents for coming to the meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on May 6, 2024.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz, City Clerk