

# CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

August 19, 2024

## City Council Meeting

**The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, August 19, 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, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Andy Williams, Councilman Bob Blankenship and Councilman Jim Proffitt.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the minutes of August 5, 2024. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

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

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Council received information regarding the 2024 tax rate. There will be a discussion regarding the property and tangible tax rate for 2024.
- Fire received 8 qualified applicants for the open positions. The 8 applicants will be narrowed down to 4.

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

- No comment.

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

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 24-0801: **An Ordinance levying an AD valorem tax rate for the year of 2024 on all property real and personal in the City of Wilder, KY, setting the waste collection/recycling rate for 2025 on properties receiving curbside collection, levying an AD valorem tax rate on motor vehicles for 2024 in the City of Wilder, KY, establishing the rates therefore and adopting the Campbell County Tax Commissioner's assessment on said property and providing for a tax lien against all taxable property in the City of Wilder, Kentucky to secure the payment of said taxes. (First Reading)**

*Long discussion ensued regarding the tax rate for real and personal property taxes.*

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Council agreed to keep the real property tax rate at .231 and to lower the personal property tax rate to .44.

There will be a public hearing to lower the personal tax rate to .44.

The public hearing will be September 3, 2024 at 6:15.

No motion was made on Ordinance No. 24-0801.

There will be a second meeting in September.

### **City Administrator Report:**

- There will not be a Planning and Zoning meeting in August but there will be one in September.

### **Department Reports:**

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- Splash Pad will close September 2, 2024.
- Flag Raising - September 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00.
- Senior Picnic – September 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 2:00.

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

### **Police Chief Comments:**

#### **Chief Martin:**

- Touch-a-Truck – August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00.
- Promotional process update:
  - Fill a lieutenant's position that has been vacant for about 4 years. The following applied for the promotion:
    - Adam Peak
    - Mickey Collins
- New recruits will start the online training in two weeks. It is five weeks of online training and then they will report to Richmond for the in-person part of the academy.

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**Fire Chief Comments:**

**Chief Neyman:**

- There were 8 applicants for the opened positions. He is waiting on the background checks and polygraphs for 3 of them.
- Turkey Raffle will be November 22, 2024. It will be at the firehouse.
- Thanked Public Works for painting the fire hydrants.
- ISO inspection went well.

**Mayor Jones comments:**

*Old Business:*

- Annual Report should be out this week. Thanked Juanita for her help.

*New Business:*

- On-demand Tank will be offered in Wilder. The mayor has a flyer and a map if anyone is interested in seeing it.
- Juanita and Karen to make personal visits to the businesses inviting them to set up a table to advertise their market at the senior picnic.
- Feldman landscaping issue is a civil matter. The city is well aware of the issue. The good news is the matter has been settled.
- The staff is extremely responsive. Please call the city building if you have any questions or concerns.

**Council Comments:**

**Councilman Proffitt:**

- Thanked everyone for the movie night.

**Councilman Williams:**

- Nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Meiser:**

- Councilwoman Meiser stated the additional merit pay that council unanimously approved in the FY25 budget was not paid out in July.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked for an analysis and the cost to the city if they would implement Kelly days in the fire department.
  - City Administrator Vance stated at this time the department is not staffed for a Kelly day. The main focus is staffing at this time.

**Councilwoman Decker:**

- Nothing to report.

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**Councilman Blankenship:**

- On John's Hill Road between St. John's Church and Davis Landscaping the road is starting to slip away.
  - City Administrator Vance will contact the highway department.

**Councilman Murphy:**

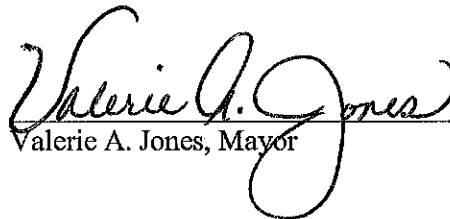
- Nothing to report.

*Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30.*

**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 7:30 p.m.

  
Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Juanita Schultz - City Clerk

**CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 19, 2024**

**A G E N D A**

I. Lord's Prayer

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Meeting Call to Order

IV. Roll Call of Attendance

V. Review of Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting

VI. Mayor's Opening Comments

VII. Invited Guests:

VIII. Citizens Comments Open Forum -- 3 minutes, must give name & address

IX. Attorney Report

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-0801**

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR OF 2024 ON ALL PROPERTY REAL AND PERSONAL IN THE CITY OF WILDER, KY, SETTING THE WASTE COLLECTION/RECYCLING RATE FOR 2025 ON PROPERTIES RECEIVING CURB SIDE COLLECTION, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE ON MOTOR VEHICLES FOR 2024 IN THE CITY OF WILDER, KY, ESTABLISHING THE RATES THEREFORE AND ADOPTING THE CAMPBELL COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER'S ASSESSMENT ON SAID PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX LIEN AGAINST ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF SAID TAXES.**

X. Department Officials

1. City Administrator
2. Treasurer Report
3. Police Chief
4. Fire Chief

Approval of Financial Report July 2024.

XI. Mayor – Unfinished Business – New Business / Announcements

XII. Legislative Body Comments

XIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date - **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**