

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

October 7, 2024

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, October 7, 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 Councilman Brad Murphy, Councilman Andy Williams, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Bob Blankenship and Councilman Jim Profitt.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 16, 2024. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Welcomed, Will Weber, President and CEO of Southbank Partners to the meeting.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 24-1003: **A Resolution appointing Tommaso Giannetta to the position of full-time Firefighter/EMT for the Wilder Fire Department.**

Upon motion from Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Resolution No. 24-1003: **A Resolution appointing Tommaso Giannetta to the position of full-time Firefighter/EMT for the Wilder Fire Department.** Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Tommaso Giannetta was sworn in by Attorney Beck.

Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 24-1002: **A Resolution appointing Zachary Harvey to the position of Public Works Laborer for the Wilder Public Works Department.**

Upon motion from Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Profitt to approve Resolution No. 24-1002: **A Resolution appointing Zachary Harvey to the position of Public Works Laborer for the Wilder Public Works Department.** Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

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Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 24-1001: **A Resolution appointing Adam Peak to the position of Police Lieutenant for the Wilder Police Department.**

Upon motion from Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Resolution No. 24-1001: A Resolution appointing Adam Peak to the position of Police Lieutenant for the Wilder Police Department. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Adam Peak was not in attendance. He will attend the next council meeting to be sworn in as Lieutenant.

Mayor Jones introduced Will Weber with Southbank Partners. Mr. Weber gave a presentation on Southbank Partners and the partnership with the city.

Mayor Jones stated there will be no decision made tonight regarding the partnership. A vote will take place at a future council meeting once the city has the interlocal agreement.

Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Weber for coming to the meeting.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 24-1001: **An Ordinance of the City of Wilder, Kentucky amending Ordinance 13-0802 removing the annual cap on Franchise Fees for the use of the public streets, alleys and other public grounds of the city for the transmission and distribution of either or both natural gas and electricity through and for consumption within the city; and providing the terms thereof. (First Reading)**

- o *Discussion ensued regarding removing the cap on the Franchise Fee.*

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve Ordinance No. 24-1001: **An Ordinance of the City of Wilder, Kentucky amending Ordinance 13-0802 removing the annual cap on Franchise Fees for the use of the public streets, alleys and other public grounds of the city for the transmission and distribution of either or both natural gas and electricity through and for consumption within the city; and providing the terms thereof. (First Reading) Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 24-1002: **An Ordinance amending Chapter 72 Section 72.02 of the Wilder Municipal Code changing the parking restriction for Brigadier Court, a city-maintained street located in the City of Wilder. (First Reading)**

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City Administrator Vance stated the Ordinance now reads you can park on the south side of the street. The city would like to amend the Ordinance and change the parking to be allowed on the north side of the street only.

- *Discussion ensued regarding parking restrictions on Brigadier Court.*

City Administrator Vance stated there will be signs posted on Brigadier and he will also mail a letter to each resident on Brigadier regarding the parking change.

Upon motion of councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Ordinance No. 24-1002: **An Ordinance amending Chapter 72 Section 72.02 of the Wilder Municipal Code changing the parking restriction for Brigadier Court, a city-maintained street located in the City of Wilder. (First Reading) Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

City Administrator Report:

- City Administrator Vance stated instead of hiring a contractor to do the crack sealing on the streets, Public Works is looking into renting the equipment and doing the work themselves. This will save the city money.
- City Administrator Vance received an estimate from TMS Construction for the emergency repairs on Bentwood Hills Drive. Mr. Vance asked Fischer to pay for some of the cost. He has not heard back from Fischer if they will cover some of the cost. The estimated cost for the emergency repairs on Bentwood Hills Drive is \$32,750 and the repairs on Williams Way is \$27,600. There is money in the capital budget for these repairs.

Upon motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to authorize City Administrator Vance to enter into a contract with TMS Construction for repairs on Bentwood Hills (\$32,750) and Williams Way (\$27,600). Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

- The city sign is broken. The sign company is working on the issue.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Great Pumpkin Scrabble Word Hunt. October 7th through October 31st.
- Medicare Seminar – October 16th at 6:00 p.m.
- All taxes have been mailed out. They are due by November 30, 2024.

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

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Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- Chief Martin stated political yard signs have been removed from people's yards. He referenced KRS 514.030, theft by unlawful taking and disposition. He stated removal of yard signs from someone's property is theft by unlawful taking and is considered a crime.
- The police department received a donation of \$500. That person would like to remain anonymous. Police Martin thanked the donor for their generous donation to the department.

Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Welcomed Tommaso Giannetta to the Wilder Fire Department.
- Turkey Raffle – November 22, 2024.

Mayor Jones comments:

- Mayor Jones wished all the candidates for council the best of luck in the election.
- Mayor Jones reminded everyone that tax dollars are not being wasted and funds being misappropriated is not true and it is not helpful to the city. She also stated council reviews the financial summary monthly. Mayor Jones thanked them for doing their jobs.
- Mayor Jones went over the subject of retention. She stated employees leave their job for better opportunities, illness, more money, disability, family, location and etc. The city attracted many highly qualified candidates to replace the employees that decided to leave.
- The city is very generous. Juanita prepares a benefit and salary analysis for each employee. It outlines all benefits offered to the employee by the city. The city has accomplished a lot within the last couple years and the city is moving in a positive direction.

New Business:

- Mayor Jones notified some of the large businesses in the city to make them aware that the tangible rate for 2024 has been lowered.
- Business luncheon is scheduled later this month.
- Mayor Jones will be attending the mayor's meeting later this month.
- Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance attended the Bentwood HOA meeting and that meeting was very informative.

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Council Comments:

Councilman Murphy:

- Congratulated the new hires.
- Thanked Administration for the Halloween and Christmas themed events.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Congratulated the new hires.
- Speedy recovery to Adam Peak
- Thanked whoever did the temporary patch on John's Hill Road
- Thanked Will Weber for coming to the meeting.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Not in attendance.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Congratulated the new hires.
- Prayers to Adam Peak.
- Thanked Will Weber for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked the Fire Department for their help on a medical call she received.

Councilman Williams:

- Welcomed the new hires.
- Prayers to Adam Peak.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Congratulated the new hires.
- Prayers to Adam Peak.
- Councilman Proffitt stated he has never heard anyone say anything negative about the city.
- Thanked Will Weber for coming to the meeting.
- Welcomed all of the residents to the meeting.

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Citizen's Comments:

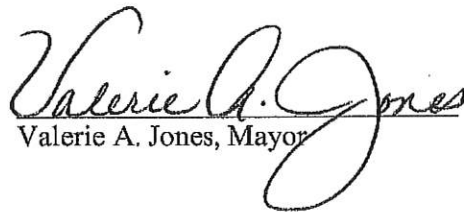
- Richard Fowler (13 Observatory Pointe Drive) voiced several concerns regarding a business on Observatory. City Administrator Vance stated a letter will be mailed to the homeowner regarding the issues. (A copy of the letter will be mailed to the minutes.)

Next meeting will be Monday, November 4th at 6:30.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk