

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

December 2, 2024

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

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 4, 2024. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- New event - *Light Up Your Lawn* – in support of the Historical Society. Thanked Tom and Sheila Everson for bringing this event to Wilder. There will be two tree lightings after the meeting. The Annual Wilder Tree Lighting in the lobby and the lighting of the outside Historical Society trees. There will be cookies and hot cocoa in the hall following the tree lighting outside. Thanked Maxim Crane for their participation and contribution to “Light Up Your Lawn”.
- Welcomed, Denise Mackey to the meeting.

Mayor Jones introduced Denise Mackey. Denise gave an update on Bobby Mackey’s. The building will be torn down on December 10th. More information to come in early Spring.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Beck presented Municipal Order No. 24-1201: **A Municipal Order of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, amending Municipal Order No. 23-1201 establishing personnel policies for the City of Wilder.**

The drug and alcohol-free workplace addressed by this policy include the following:

Pursuant to KRS 218B.040, the City of Wilder as an employer exercises its right under the statute to not permit or accommodate the use of medicinal cannabis. Therefore, an authorized cardholder is prohibited from utilizing medicinal cannabis while employed by the city.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser to approve Municipal Order No. 24-1201: **A Municipal Order of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, amending Municipal Order No. 23-1201 establishing personnel policies for the City of Wilder. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

City Administrator Report:

- *Carls Case Update* – City Administrator Vance testified in a bench trial last month. The judge will notify us by the end of December or early January of her decision.
- Planning and Zoning Special Meeting regarding the issues with Medical Cannabis is December 16 2024.
- *Healthworks funding 2025* – City Administrator Vance asked for a commitment to this program from council. Councilmembers would like to continue this program in 2025.
- Comprehensive Plan Update – City Administrator Vance will send out the goals and objectives to Council and Planning and Zoning. This will be the first element in readopting the comprehensive plan; which will be done in 2025.
- City Administrator Vance asked for a motion for the mayor to enter into a contract with Southbank Partners. The funds will be coming out of Professional Fees.

Upon motion from Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to authorize Mayor Jones to enter into a contract with Southbank Partners and authorize her to sign the contract. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Blood Drive – December 18th.
- Snowman Scavenger Hunt – Starts December 4th.

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

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Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- *Recruit Update:* Noah and Doug are back from the academy for their Thanksgiving break. They are doing well at the academy.

Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Turkey Raffle was a huge success. Thanked everyone for their help. Thanked his wife Carla for all of her help.
- Northern Pendleton County bought Engine 1405.
- Santa Breakfast – December 7th from 10:00 to 12:00.

Mayor Jones comments:

- Mayor Jones sent a mid-month update in November.
- A representative from the Board of Health and Northern Kentucky Alliance will be coming to the January meeting to discuss the smoking ban. This is to educate council on this issue.
- Thanked Carla Neyman, ladies auxiliary, all the volunteers, the fire department and everyone for their help with the Turkey Raffle.
- Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance contacted the Steel Mill after the election. The information they shared was very vague.
- Neyer Property – The property has been sold. More information to come.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Decker:

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Thanked Councilman Williams for his service to the city.
- Thanked the citizens for their votes on the election.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Murphy:

- Thanked Councilman Williams for his service to the city.
- Thanked everyone involved with the Turkey Raffle. It was a great time.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thanked Tom and Sheila Everson for bringing "Light Up Your Lawn" to Wilder.
- Thanked Officer Zink for his service to the city. Good luck in Fort Thomas.
- Thanked Juanita for the information on the shelter rentals.
- Thanked City Administrator Vance on the information on the medical cannabis.
- Thanked Doug and Carla for all of their work on the Turkey Raffle.
- Thanked Councilman Williams for his service to the city.
- Good luck to Bobby Mackey's.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Williams:

- Thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve on council. It has been an honor.
- Thanked council and all the department heads for working with him over the years.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Thanked the Everson's for bringing "Light Up Your Lawn" to Wilder.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Thanked Councilmember Williams for his service to the city.
- Thanked the residents for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked Doug and Carla for all of their work on the Turkey Raffle.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Citizen's Comments:

- No comment.

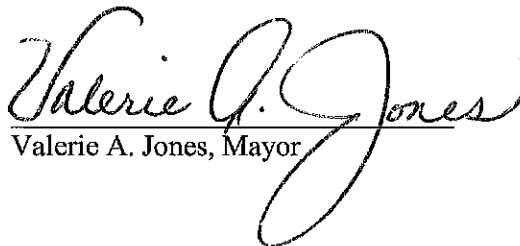
Next meeting will be Monday, January 6th at 6:30.

Mayor Jones wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk