

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

April 7, 2025

The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday April 7, 2025 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 Jeff Moles, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Brad Murphy, and Councilman Jim Proffitt.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Proffitt to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 3, 2025. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Thanked Juanita and City Administrator Vance for everything they have done in Karen's absence.
 - City Administrator Vance thanked Mayor Jones for her help with Facebook.
- The city hired a part-time assistant city clerk in Karen's absence.
- *Three Mile speed limit update:* Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance requested the lower speed limit back in 2023. The city has been waiting patiently. Mayor Jones contacted Senator Shelly Funke Frommeyer to assist with getting the speed limit lowered. Last week the Kentucky Department of Transportation contacted the city to let them know the speed limit has been reduced from 55 mph to 35 mph on Three Mile. Mayor Jones thanked Senator Frommeyer for her help in getting this done.
- Happy 90th Birthday Wilder!

Citizen's Comments:

No comment.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Beck stated that the new hires will be executive orders. Attorney Beck stated this was at the recommendation of KLC.

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order No. 25-0401: **An Executive Order appointing Jacob Nichols to the position of Firefighter/EMT for the Wilder Fire Department.**

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order No. 25-0402: **An Executive Order appointing Joseph Wendell Grayson Jr. to the position of Paramedic for the Wilder Fire Department.**

Jacob Nichols and Joseph Wendell Grayson Jr. were sworn in by Attorney Beck.

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order No. 25-0403: **An Executive Order appointing Robert Rimer to the position of Full Time Recruit Patrolman for the Wilder Police Department.**

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order No. 25-0404: **An Executive Order appointing Corbin Kelley to the position of Full Time Recruit Patrolman for the Wilder Police Department.**

Robert Rimer and Corbin Kelley were sworn in by Attorney Beck.

Mayor Jones read an email from Lieutenant Peak. The email expressed his gratitude to the mayor and council on the hiring of the four new recruits and how much it meant to the whole department.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 25-0301: **A motion to establish a Code of Ethical conduct applicable to the Board and Employees of the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilwoman Meiser, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 25-0301: **A motion to establish a Code of Ethical conduct applicable to the Board and Employees of the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (Second Reading) Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.**

**Councilwoman Decker – Yes
Councilwoman Meiser - Yes
Councilman Murphy – Yes**

**Councilman Moles – Yes
Councilman Profit – Yes**

Motion carried.

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Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 25-0401: **An Ordinance amending the personnel policy by updating and revising the pay plan to include additional patrol officer and paramedic positions for the City of Wilder Kentucky. (First Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Ordinance No. 25-0401: **An Ordinance amending the personnel policy by updating and revising the pay plan to include additional patrol officer and paramedic positions for the City of Wilder Kentucky. (First Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Decker – Yes

Councilwoman Meiser - Yes

Councilman Murphy – Yes

Councilman Moles – Yes

Councilman Profitt – Yes

Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

- Paperwork will be sent to the Kentucky Public Pension Authority to ask for their approval to make our paramedic only position hazardous. The board will meet in June and they will make a decision.
- Fisher has submitted two plans for the P & Z meeting for April. They submitted a revision of stage one and they also submitted the stage II Phase III plan.
- Goals and Objectives: City Administrator Vance asked for any comments or suggestion before the next P and Z meeting on April 28, 2025. Planning and Zoning will approve the goals and objectives and then it will go to council. If there are going to be changes, he would like to have those suggestions now.
- City Administrator Vance asked council to visit Frederick's Landing to take a look at the flooding. He wanted everyone to consider the flooding when they start making improvements to the landing.
- Sanitary sewer project update: The project is completed on the landing side and they will start on the other side of Route 9, at the entrance of John's Hill Road.
- Healthworks information has been sent to all full-time employees for 2025.

Councilman Murphy thanked City Administrator Vance for his help in getting Bestway to clean up the hydraulic fluid that was spilled on the road.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled for April 12th because of the flooding at Frederick's Landing. It has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 17th at 6:00.
- Terrarium workshop is April 30th at 6:30.
- Active Aging starts May 7th from 10:45 – 11:45.
- Music fest – May 17th from 2:00 to 6:00.
- Annual yard sale is May 16th, 17th, and 18th.
- Coffee and Talk is May 19th.
- Delinquent property tax update - \$31,000.

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- Attorney Beck stated he will be sending out letters and filing liens, if needed.

Upon motion from Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the financial report and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending February 2025. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

City Administrator Vance reminded everyone the next business meeting will be April 23rd at 12:00. Will Weber with Southbank Partners will be the speaker.

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- Thanked the mayor and council for their support in adding two new recruits.
- The two new officers, Officer Tuke and Officer Tyler are riding with senior officers.

Chief Martin thanked everyone for their support.

Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Thanked the mayor and council for approving two new hires.
- Welcomed Jacob Nichols, Wendell Grayson, Robert Rimer and Corbin Kelley.
- The first quarter report has been handed out. If you have any question, contact Chief Neyman.

Mayor Jones comments:

- Welcomed the new hires to the team.
- Mayor Jones stated how proud she is of the two new recruits and she was honored to attend their graduation. Both recruits received recognition at the ceremony. One for physical fitness and agility and one was recognized for his service in the National Guard.
- Thanked Public Works for rebuilding the brick wall that was hit at the entrance to the hotels.
- Coffee and talk every other month on the 3rd Monday. Next one is May 19th.
- Mayor Jones will be attending the mayor's meeting next month sponsored by Judge Pendery.
- Mayor Jones will be meeting Southbank Partners later this month.
- Mayor Jones met with a commercial banker. He introduced her and City Administrator Vance to a commercial developer who has some interest in the corner lot.
- Economic Development is strong. Atlantic Heavy Duty is a new business to Wilder and it is estimated to bring in around 15 to 20 new jobs. The concrete and asphalt companies are scheduled to open this fall and more development to come. *Good things are happening in Wilder.*
- Senator Shelly Funke Frommeyer will be attending the May meeting to go over some new legislation.
- Mayor Jones will be attending HOA meetings.

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Council Comments:

Councilman Blankenship:

- Not in attendance.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Thanked City Administrator Vance and Juanita for helping in Karen's absence.
- Prayers for Karen.
- Congratulated the new hires.
- Thanked Senator Frommeyer.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Prayers to Karen.
- Congratulated the new hires.
- The blood drives had 51 donors last year. Thanked everyone who participated.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Prayers for Karen
- Congratulated the new hires.
- Thanked City Administrator Vance for answering the resident's questions on Three Mile.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked City Administrator Vance if he had any new information on the church and City Administrator Vance stated he could not share any information at this time.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked when council would receive the new budget.
 - Mayor Jones stated the staff will start working on the budget towards the end of April.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked for the salary survey.
 - City Administrator Vance stated he will get back to her.

Councilman Murphy:

- Congratulated the new hires.
- Thanked the staff for everything they do.

Councilman Moles:

- Congratulated the new hires.
- Asked for an update on the kayaks.
 - They had some concerns regarding their equipment. They are working through some issues and more information to come.
- Great news about all of the new businesses.
- Councilman Moles attended the Northern Kentucky Government meeting in March. It was a good meeting and very interesting.

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Citizen's Comments:

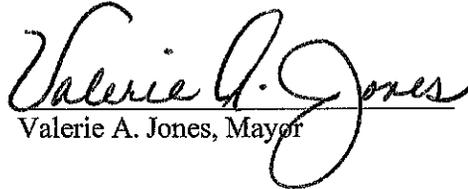
- No comment.

Next meeting will be Monday, May 5th at 6:30.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk