

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

February 3, 2025

The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday February 3, 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, Councilman Bob Blankenship and Councilman Jim Proffitt.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2025. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mayor Jones welcomed the following guest to the meeting:
 - Stephanie Vogel, Director of Population Health, Northern Kentucky Health Department.
 - Dr. Michael Gieske, Saint Elizabeth Physicians
 - Ryan Salzman, Project Director at One in KY Alliance.

Mayor Jones stated they wanted to educate everyone on the reasons to ban smoking in the Wilder businesses. Council would have to pass an Ordinance for this to be done.

Stephanie Vogel gave a presentation on tobacco use. She stated tobacco use is the number one cause of death in the United States. The presentation was very informative.

Dr. Michael Gieske, MD, gave a presentation on the health effects of tobacco use.

Ryan Salzman spoke regarding the benefits of a smoke free policy in the city.

Council asked questions regarding the smoking ban.

Mayor Jones thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Citizen's Comments:

Greg Castle, 18 Overlook Circle. Mr. Castle stated the idea of a coffee shop across the street is a great idea and it would be a great location.

Attorney's Report:

Aaron Beck stated anytime council is discussing specifics on economic development in the city; council should go into executive session.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 25-0101: **An Ordinance amending the official zoning text of the City of Wilder Zoning Ordinance definitions, all commercial and industrial zones to permit or restrict medicinal cannabis uses in various zones. Also, to remove video sales and rental from TC and BPD zone and permit drive in facilities in TC zone per attached findings of fact from planning commission. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Ordinance No. 25-0101: **An Ordinance amending the official zoning text of the City of Wilder Zoning Ordinance definitions, all commercial and industrial zones to permit or restrict medicinal cannabis uses in various zones. Also, to remove video sales and rental from TC and BPD zone and permit drive in facilities in TC zone per attached findings of fact from planning commission. (Second Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.

**Councilman Blankenship - Yes
Councilwoman Meiser - Yes
Councilman Murphy - Yes**

**Councilwoman Decker - Yes
Councilman Moles - Yes
Councilman Profitt - Yes**

Motion carried.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 25-0201: **A motion to establish a Code of Ethical conduct applicable to the Board and Employees of the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (First Reading)**

Discussion ensued regarding some language in the Code of Ethical Conduct. The Ordinance will be revisited at the next meeting after some changes are made.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 25-0202: **An Ordinance amending the City of Wilder personnel policy by adding the position of Paramedic for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (First Reading)**

Discussion ensued regarding adding the paramedic only position.

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Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Profitt to approve Ordinance No. 25-0202: **An Ordinance amending the City of Wilder personnel policy by adding the position of Paramedic for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (First Reading) Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.**

**Councilman Blankenship - Yes
Councilwoman Meiser - Yes
Councilman Murphy - Yes**

**Councilwoman Decker - Yes
Councilman Moles - Yes
Councilman Profitt - Yes**

Motion carried.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 25-0203: **An Ordinance amending Section 19 of the City of Wilder Zoning Ordinance by updating the Planning and Zoning/Building inspection fees for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (First Reading)**

Discussion ensued regarding the new inspection fees.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 25-0203: **An Ordinance amending Section 19 of the City of Wilder Zoning Ordinance by updating the Planning and Zoning/Building inspection fees for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (First Reading) Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.**

**Councilman Blankenship - Yes
Councilwoman Meiser - Yes
Councilman Murphy - Yes**

**Councilwoman Decker - Yes
Councilman Moles - Yes
Councilman Profitt - Yes**

Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

- *Carls Case Update* – Carl's case is over. They did not appeal the decision of Campbell Circuit Court.
- Planning and Zoning meeting February 24, 2025. There are two development plans for the Madden property that will be discussed at the meeting.
- City Administrator Vance asked for a motion to purchase a pump for the splash pad that broke last year at the end of the season. The cost of the pump is \$4,900.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to authorize the purchase of the splash pad pump, not to exceed \$4,900. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

- The city received a \$25,000 grant for an EV charging station. This is a 50/50 plan. The grant will match up to \$25,000. The charging station would be located behind the City Building. This is a pay per use station. The city would get a portion of the money to offset the cost of the charging station.

Discussion ensued regarding the charging station.

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Mayor Jones thanked Senator Frommeyer for her help in getting an answer on the EV charging station grant.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Nothing to report.

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

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- A report card was sent back to the department on our recruits, they both were meeting or exceeding expectations.
- KLC dropped in an conducted an audit of the department's policies. A report will be forwarded to the Mayor, City Administrator and Chief Martin.
- Chief Martin started a new recruit process to fill Sergeant Zink's position. A couple of very qualified candidates applied for the position. More information to come.

Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Fish Frys – no fish frys this year.
- Thanked council for approving the Paramedic only position.

Mayor Jones comments:

- Mayor Jones sent out a mid-month update to council.
- All three plows are operational.
- The staff is working on the calendar of events for 2025. More information to come.
- P & Z vacancy – Rick Gurren will be stepping down. The mayor has 60 days to fill the position.
- Coffee and Talk – Tuesday, January 18th at 10:00 a.m.
- The business meetings will resume with the Wilder businesses.
- First Friday shop local is this Friday. Please support our local businesses.

Council Comments:

Councilman Blankenship:

- Thanked the people who gave the smoke free presentation. It was very informative.
- John's Hill is slipping more.

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Councilman Profitt:

- Councilman Profitt asked for information regarding Tank on Demand.
 - City Administrator Vance stated he would get him some information.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Nothing to report.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Councilwoman Meiser stated her neighbors have questions regarding Fischer.
 - City Administrator Vance stated if anyone has any questions to call him.
- Thanked City Administrator Vance for answering her questions regarding SD1.
- Thanked Officer Comte for his help.
- Thanked the people who gave the smoke free presentation. It was very informative.
- Councilwoman Meiser would like to do another survey to the residents regarding the coffee shop.

Councilman Murphy:

- Thanked the people who gave the smoke free presentation. It was very informative.
- Thanked Mayor Jones for sending out the revenues.
- Councilman Murphy would like to add to the agenda the shelter fees for discussion.

Councilman Moles:

- Thanked Rick Gurren for his service to Planning and Zoning.

Citizen's Comments:

- No comment.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 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 8:30 p.m.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk