

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

January 8, 2025

The rescheduled meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at the Wilder City Building, 520 Licking Pike, Wilder, Kentucky 41071. (The regular scheduled meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025 was cancelled due to snow.)

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 Councilman Proffitt to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 2, 2024. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Happy New Year
- Deepest sympathy to Joe and Carol Eggemeier and their family; their daughter Angie passed away. Joe has been a longtime Wilder/Southgate Safety Officer.
- Congratulated all council members for their election victory. The ceremonial swearing in will happen at the end of the meeting.
- Board of Health will be coming to the February meeting.

Attorney's Report:

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. (First Reading)**

City Administrator Vance gave an overview of the Ordinance and answered questions.

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City Administrator Report:

- *Carls Case Update* – The judge ruled in the City’s favor. They have until January 18, 2025 to file an appeal.
- City Administrator Vance had a preconstruction meeting with Eaton Asphalt regarding the sanitary sewer project along KY 9. The project should start soon.
- City Administrator Vance handed out to council the following documents:
 - Wilder’s current P & Z fee structure.
 - Campbell County’s P & Z fee structure.
 - City Administrator Vance’s recommendation for changes to the city’s fee structure. He asked council to contact him with any questions by the next meeting. He would like to have an Ordinance on the agenda at the February 3rd meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the changes to the City’s P & Z fee structure.

- The City’s Ethic Code has not been updated since 1993. City Administrator Vance sent Council the City of Wilder Code of Ethics that was sent to him by the NKADD.

Discussion ensued regarding the new Code of Ethics. Council asked if some changes could be made regarding the number of meetings council can miss.

- City Administrator Vance emailed P & Z the goals and objective for the comprehensive plan. He will also be emailing this to council. P & Z will hold a public hearing to discuss the goals and objectives and they will make changes or not and then it will come to council for approval.
- Public Works Truck – The engine blew in one of the trucks during the snowstorm. City Administrator Vance recommended relacing the engine. The new engine will cost \$19,000. The truck will be finished in 7 to 10 days. The money will come out of the capital account.

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to authorize the replacement engine in the Public Works truck. The cost of the replacement engine is \$19,000. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Thanked everyone who participated in the Snowman Scavenger Hunt and the House Decorating Contest.
- Delinquent Taxes - \$66,000. Delinquent letters will go out next week.

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

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- Chief Martin asked the community if they see something suspicious to report it right away. *You "see something", "say something"*.
- Mayor Jones met with the department yesterday. The officers appreciate the Mayor meeting with them.
- The hiring process is underway. Some applications are coming in.

Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Chief Neyman is talking with a couple new candidates.
- Thanked the police department and Sergeant Collins for their assistance with digging out the fire hydrants.
- New truck update – Tentative Date is the end of April.
- Fish Frys – more information to come regarding the fish frys. The cost of everything has gone up.
- Condolences to Joe and Carol Eggemeier.

Mayor Jones comments:

- Mayor Jones would like to see more Ordinances cleaned up. Several of the ordinances have not been updated since the 1990's. She is meeting with Attorney Beck and City Administrator Vance to update more policies and procedures.
- Thanked Public Works for a job well done during the snowstorm. They did a great job.
- Coffee and Talk – Monday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m.
- The business meetings will resume with the Wilder businesses.
- Mayor Jones sent a monthly update to council.

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Council Comments:

Councilman Blankenship:

- Prayers to the Eggemeier Family.
- Thanked Public Works for doing such a great job clearing the snow.
- Happy New Year.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Thanked Public Works for doing an outstanding job in clearing the snow.
- Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Councilwoman Decker arrived at 7:27.
- Condolences to the Eggemeier Family.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Condolences to the Eggemeier family.
- Thanked the Fire Department for the breakfast with Santa. It was a great event.
- Thanked Juanita and Karen for the snowman scavenger hunt.
- The state road department did a great job clearing the roads; especially on Three Mile.
- Congratulations to council.
- Thanked the voters for their vote.

Councilman Murphy:

- Thanked Public Works for doing an outstanding job in clearing the snow.
- Councilman Murphy asked if there was any movement across the street with the rental properties.
 - Mayor Jones stated that the house on the right (523 Licking Pike) is being evaluated for a coffee shop. There has been no commitment but there has been conversation with some businesses regarding development.
 - *Discussion ensued regarding the rental properties and the coffee shop.*

Councilman Moles:

- Thanked the citizens for the honor to sit on council.
- Prayers to the Eggemeier Family in the loss of their child.

Council was sworn in to a new term by Attorney Beck.

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Citizen's Comments:

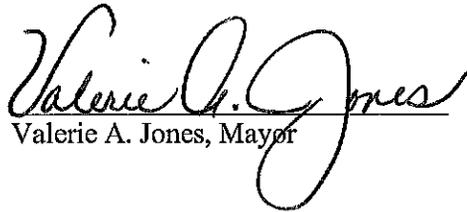
- No comment.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 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