

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

June 2, 2025

The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday June 2, 2025 at the Wilder City Building, 520 Licking Pike, Wilder, Kentucky 41071.

Moment of silence for the passing of Karen Schlipf, Assistant City Clerk, and Stanley Turner, former Mayor.

Lords Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Roll call was answered by Councilwoman Sandy Decker, Councilman Bob Blankenship, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Jeff Moles, Councilman Brad Murphy, and Councilman Jim Profitt.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Meiser, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 5, 2025. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Welcomed Sue Cassidy. Sue is with O'Hara, Taylor, Sloan, Cassidy and Beck PLLC. Sue will be filling in for Aaron tonight.

Citizen's Comments:

No comments.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Cassidy presented Ordinance No. 25-0501: **An Ordinance amending Chapter 72 Section 72.02 of the Wilder Municipal Code amending stop sign locations for Bentwood Hills Drive, a city-maintained street located in the City of Wilder and 72.03 prohibited parking by adding regulations concerning unattached trailer, boats, campers parking on city streets. (Second Reading)**

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Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Ordinance No. 25-0501: **An Ordinance amending Chapter 72 Section 72.02 of the Wilder Municipal Code amending stop sign locations for Bentwood Hills Drive, a city-maintained street located in the City of Wilder and 72.03 prohibited parking by adding regulations concerning unattached trailer, boats, campers parking on city streets. (Second Reading) Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.**

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

**Councilman Moles - Yes
Councilman Blankenship – Yes
Councilman Profitt – Yes**

Motion carried.

Attorney Cassidy presented Ordinance No. 25-0502: **An Ordinance amending the police department policy and procedures manual by adding and amending various sections of the policy per the recommended model policy proposed by the Kentucky League of Cities. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 25-0502: **An Ordinance amending the police department policy and procedures manual by adding and amending various sections of the policy per the recommended model policy proposed by the Kentucky League of Cities. (Second Reading) Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.**

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

**Councilman Moles - Yes
Councilman Blankenship – Yes
Councilman Profitt – Yes**

Motion carried.

Attorney Cassidy presented Ordinance No. 25-0602: **An Ordinance addressing Medical Cannabis and creating a special license and setting their fees and addressing related processes for such license. (First Reading)**

Discussion ensued regarding the special license for Medical Cannabis.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 25-0602: **An Ordinance addressing Medical Cannabis and creating a special license and setting their fees and addressing related processes for such license. (First Reading) Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.**

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

**Councilman Moles - Yes
Councilman Blankenship – Yes
Councilman Profitt – Yes**

Motion Carried.

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Attorney Cassidy presented Ordinance No. 25-0601: **An Ordinance adopting the City of Wilder, Kentucky's annual budget for fiscal year 07/01/2025 through 06/30/2026 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government. (First Reading)**

Mayor Jones stated a balanced budget was sent to council on Friday, May 23rd, she also sent a detailed budget memo to council explaining material changes in the numbers. Mayor Jones thanked all the council members that reached out with questions prior to the meeting. She also thanked the staff for their assistance with the budget.

Mayor Jones highlighted some key aspects of the budget and some of the significant changes that was detailed in her budget memo.

The budget memo prepared by Mayor Jones will be attached to the minutes.

The budget does reflect a year over year revenue growth of just under 9%; which is a remarkable achievement for the city.

Mayor Jones stated Paul Maddox, the city's auditor, said at a previous meeting, "The city's balance sheet is strong, and you have had an excellent year. Just keep doing what you are doing."

Discussion ensued regarding the FY26 budget.

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Ordinance No. 25-0601: **An Ordinance adopting the City of Wilder, Kentucky's annual budget for fiscal year 07/01/2025 through 06/30/2026 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government. (First Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.

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

Councilman Moles - Yes
Councilman Blankenship – Yes
Councilman Profitt – Yes

Motion carried.

Mayor Jones introduced Laurie Shutters, part-time assistant City Clerk. Laurie said a few words.

City Administrator Report:

- The sewer project is about half completed. John's Hill Road side and restoration are next.
- City Administrator Vance will be meeting with Fischer to discuss some water issues.
- County clean up went very well. This event is sponsored by Campbell County, but Wilder does have employees onsite during the clean up to assist.
- City Administrator Vance has a meeting with the city's engineer and with Terricon, a Geo Technical firm, on June 13th regarding the trail design.

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- There is a rain barrel class sponsored by the extension office on June 17th.
- KLC had a reverse salt auction. It resulted in a low bid of \$110 per ton from Compass Minerals. City Administrator Vance asked for a motion from council to approve a 350-ton order at \$110 per ton from Compass Minerals.

Upon motion from Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to authorize Mayor Jones to sign the contract for a 350-ton order at \$110 per ton from Compass Minerals. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

- City Administrator Vance provided council with the engineer's estimates on the street repairs and the city building parking lot replacement. If anyone has any questions, contact City Administrator Vance.
- TANK may be expanding the area for TANK Plus in Wilder. Fill out the survey if you are interested in their service.
- Campbell County was classified by someone as a Federal Sanctuary County. Campbell County stated this is not true.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Delinquent property tax update - \$9,500.

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

Police Chief Comments:

Lieutenant Peak:

- Officer Tuke and Officer Tyler are finishing up their phase of field training where the senior officer will engage with them and help assist them on calls. The next phase will be more of a solo phase, where the senior officer will still ride with them, but they are expected to run the call from start to finish. By the end of the month the officers will be on their own.
- New recruit update: Corbin Kelley and Robert Rimer started the online part of the police academy today.

Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Chief Neyman, Captain Lang and Lieutenant Boothe went to Ocala, Florida three weeks ago to do a final inspection on the new truck, minor changes need to be fixed. The truck should be delivered next week to Vogelpohl Equipment where some tools will be mounted, then it will go to Lexington to the State Fire School. The truck should be in Wilder the week of June 16th.

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Mayor Jones comments:

- Mayor sent council a mid-month update.
- The Three Mile property has been sold.
- Thanked the entire team for their help with the music festival. Mayor Blankenship from Vanceburg, Kentucky made a surprise visit to the event.
- Active Again has been a tremendous success. Thanked Laurie for all of her help.
- Coffee and Talk was May 19th.
- Andy Yaeger with Kentucky Transportation Department, District 6, stated there would be some in place patching with a crew or contractor later this summer.
- The second Kayak building is expected to be installed at Frederick's Landing next week.
- Barleycorn's Brewhouse would like to organize another fundraiser for the city. They would like the event to be held at Frederick's Landing and they would like to celebrate the new Kayak Kiosk. More information to come.
- Mayor Jones will be attending the department meetings next month.
- "Let's Do Good, Feel Good" drive. Barrels are in the lobby. Please participate in the donation drive. The charities that will benefit from the drive are Saint Vincent Depaul and Protect for Paws and the Campbell County Animal Shelter.
- The July/August newsletter will be hand delivered.

Council Comments:

Councilman Moles:

- The music festival was a wonderful event.
- The formula that was used for the merit raises was a great idea. He is happy to see the employees get rewarded for their work.
- Mayor Blankenship, Vanceburg's Mayor, stated they are doing a Bobby Mackey Day in October. More information to come.

Councilman Murphy:

- Thanked everyone for their work on the budget. The budget looks good.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thoughts and condolences to Karen Schlipf's family and former Mayor Turner's family.
- Welcomed Laurie Shutters.
- Councilwoman Meiser stated she is getting emails regarding an issue on Three Mile Road; there is a big break in the road. City Administrator Vance will look into the issue.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Welcomed Laurie Shutters.
- Thoughts and condolences to Karen Schlipf's family and former Mayor Turner's family.

Councilman Profitt:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Councilman Profitt stated he would like to see a light at John's Hill Road and South Street.
- Councilman Profitt would also like to see the city improve their playgrounds.
- Prayers to Karen's Family and former Mayor Turner's family. They were both friends and they will be greatly missed.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Speed Limit sign on John's Hill Road has fallen down.
 - City Administrator Vance stated Public Works took it down because it was leaning into the roadway.
- Councilman Blankenship stated on the upside of John's Hill Road when it rains the water runs halfway down the hill and the ditch gets full and then the water goes to the other side of road.
 - City Administrator Vance stated there is work that needs to be done, but he doesn't think the state will spend the money on the road to fix it.
- Welcomed Laurie Shutters.
- Excited for the new truck to arrive.
- Music Fest was great.
- Prayers to Karen's family and former Mayor Turner's family.

Citizen's Comments:

- No comment.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 16th 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 7:46 p.m.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk