

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

March 3, 2025

The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday March 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 February 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.
- Mayor Jones stated she found a qualified candidate to fill the vacant position on Planning and Zoning. There is a Resolution on the agenda.
- Progress is being made on the City's Comprehensive Plan. The goals and objectives have been sent to council. The goals and objectives were adopted in 2019.
- Mayor Jones introduced Paul Maddox, CPA, with Maddox and Associates.
 - *Fiscal Year 2024 audit* - Paul gave an overview of the process and concluded by directing the city administration to keep doing what they are doing. City is in a solid position.

Mayor Jones thanked Paul for coming to the meeting.

Citizen's Comments:

Darleen Spicer (360 Timber Ridge Drive #4) shared some concerns regarding the Fischer Development. City Administrator Vance stated he would share her concerns with Fischer.

Amanda Bollman (110 Vista Pointe Drive) asked where she could find a list of the city's assets. City Administrator Vance stated that information can be found on the city's webpage. He also stated she can contact him with more questions.

Attorney's Report:

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. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilwoman Decker 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. (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. 25-0203: **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. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Murphy 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. (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. 25-0301: **A motion to establish a Code of Ethical conduct applicable to the Board and Employees of the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (First Reading)**

Attorney Beck stated some changes were made to the original Ordinance.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser 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. (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**

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Motion carried.

Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 25-0301: **A Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission of The City of Wilder, Kentucky, and establishing the Term of office for the member.**

Richard Gurren, has resigned his position on the planning commission effective February 1, 2025 creating a vacancy on the Wilder Planning and Zoning Commission. His term of office was to expire 12/31/2028; and the Mayor with the approval of City Council desires to appoint Craig Kurk to the Wilder Planning and Zoning Commission.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Resolution No. 25-0301: **A Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission of The City of Wilder, Kentucky, and establishing the Term of office for the member. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 25-0302: **A Resolution of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, opposing any bills brought forth during the 2025 Kentucky General Assembly Session by any member of the Kentucky Legislature, in full or in part, that provides for the mandated centralized collection of Local Occupational Fees/Taxes by the Commonwealth of Kentucky of other third parties.**

Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Resolution No. 25-0302: **A Resolution of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, opposing any bills brought forth during the 2025 Kentucky General Assembly Session by any member of the Kentucky Legislature, in full or in part, that provides for the mandated centralized collection of Local Occupational Fees/Taxes by the Commonwealth of Kentucky of other third parties. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 25-0303: **A Resolution of opposition to Kentucky Legislative house bill 85 relating to Sanitation Districts.**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Resolution No. 25-0303: **A Resolution of opposition to Kentucky Legislative house bill 85 relating to Sanitation Districts. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

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City Administrator Report:

- Fischer will begin Stage II Phase III Plan. There will be a minor change in Stage One. Fischer will be coming to the April Planning and Zoning meeting. City Administrator Vance will send the plans to council once he receives them.
- Planning and Zoning approved the site plans for Riegler Blacktop and Hometown Concrete on Gloria Terrell Drive.
- Lakeview has two entrances. The second entrance there is no stop sign. There may be a stop sign installed at the second entrance.
- EV Charging Grant Update: City Administrator Vance is waiting on updated costs and the return on the city's investment and how it would work. He will send to council as soon as it is received.
- City Administrator Vance stated Paul Maddox's contract has expired. He asked council to make a motion to approve the bid for the next 3 years. The bid is for years 2025 (\$7,500), 2026 (\$8,500) and 2027 (\$9000).

Upon motion of Councilwoman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the bid for the annual audit from Paul Maddox with Maddox and Associates. The bid is for years 2025 (\$7,500), 2026 (\$8,500) and 2027 (\$9000). Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Easter Egg Hunt is April 12th at 12:00 at Frederick's Landing.
- Shop local is this Friday, March 7th.
- Delinquent property tax update - \$34,000.

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

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- Tentative graduation date for Doug and Noah (new recruits) is March 13th. This date is earlier than expected.
- *Guardian Drive* – The police department passed out a letter informing the residents the police will be conducting extra traffic enforcement due to the complaint of speeding in efforts to make the street safer.

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Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Quint update – Inspection date of mid to late April and delivery the beginning of May.
- Fundraiser at Barleycorn's Brewhouse March 19th, 2025 to benefit first responders.

Mayor Jones comments:

- Mayor Jones sent out a mid-month update and a staffing update to council.
- Mayor Jones conducted an employee opinion survey. She received some positive feedback from the city's employees. Ranked high is satisfaction with the increase in staffing to normal levels, merit pay program and the retention agreements. The survey was voluntary and names were optional.
- Smoking ban ordinance has been postponed.
- Welcomed Craig Curk to Planning and Zoning.
- Excited to hear about the recruits graduating early.
- Council received a copy of the 2025 calendar of events.
- Successful Coffee and Talk last month. Next Coffee and Talk will be March 17, 2025.
- Welcome to Wilder – thanked Darleen Spicer for her idea to revisit this program that the city had in place years ago.
- There has been positive feedback from the city's businesses regarding the business impact survey. They are excited about the economic development potential.
- New business to the city – Atlantic Heavy Duty. They will be located behind Home City Ice.
- Budget cycle is fast approaching. The staff will start working on the budget more aggressively in April.
- Thanked council and everyone that responded regarding the short-term improvements at Frederick's Landing and the improvements to the council chambers. Please respond by March 15th if you have not already done so.

Council Comments:

Councilman Blankenship:

- Thanked Paul Maddox on his presentation of the audit.
- Welcomed Craig Curk to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Thanked City Administrator Vance and Juanita for helping in Karen's absence.
- Prayers for Karen.
- Thanked the mayor for sending out the calendar of events.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Prayers to Karen.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thanked Paul Maddox for his presentation on the audit.
- Prayers for Karen
- Thanked City Administrator Vance and Chief Martin for their response on Guardian.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked Mayor Jones about the new salary strategy she mentioned in the newsletter.
 - Mayor Jones stated she could not comment at this time.

Councilman Murphy:

- Councilman Murphy would like to add to the agenda the 2026 shelter fees for discussion before the end of year.
- Pickleball court was a good investment.

Councilman Moles:

- Thanked Paul Maddox for his presentation on the budget. It was nice to hear him state that the city is in better shape than it has been in some time. Thanked Mayor Jones, council and City Administrator Vance for making that happen.
- Welcomed Craig Curk to Planning and Zoning. Great guy.

Citizen's Comments:

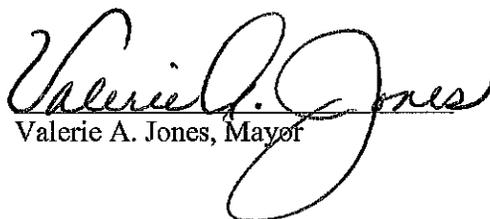
- No comment.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 7th 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 7:48 p.m.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janita Schultz - City Clerk