

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

May 5, 2025

The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday May 5, 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 Bob Blankenship, Councilwoman Kelly Meiser, Councilman Brad Murphy, and Councilman Jim Profitt.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 7, 2025. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Welcomed State Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer (District 24) and State Representative Matt Lehman (House District 67). They are attending the meeting to speak to council about some of their goals and objectives.

Senator Funke Frommeyer and Representative Lehman introduced themselves and spoke to council about the last legislative session and some of their goals and objectives.

Senator Funke Frommeyer and Representative Lehman opened up the floor for questions from council.

Mayor Jones thanked both of them for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Jones introduced Jay Shelton, CEO, and Sean Cunningham, marketing officer for Barleycorn's. Barleycorn's Brewhouse hosted a Wildfire Tapping Party in March to support Wilder's first responders. Mr. Shelton thanked everyone involved for making this such a great event. The event raised a \$1,000 for Wilder first responders. Mr. Shelton presented Chief Neyman with the check.

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Citizen's Comments:

Connie lives at Bentwood Hills Condos, 500 Lakeview Drive. Due to the increased traffic from the new buildings, she asked if a stop sign could be installed. She stated cars and trucks go very fast, and they do not slow down through the complex.

City Administrator Vance stated a stop sign for Bentwood Hills Drive is on the agenda tonight.

Mayor Jones introduced Chris Schack from Schack's Yaks, LLC. Mayor Jones stated council has received the information regarding his kayak service at Frederick's Landing.

Chris introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his business, Schack's Yaks, LLC. The city would be providing the location and also signing an agreement for the kayaks to be at the Landing for two years. Schack's Yaks, LLC will take care of everything else. The cost is \$800 for 2 years and 2 units.

Discussion ensued regarding the installation of the kayaks at the landing.

Mayor Jones thanked Chris for coming to the meeting. The kayak kiosk will be installed at the landing. Chris thanked everyone for the opportunity to partner with the city.

Attorney's Report:

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. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Profitt 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. (Second Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Decker – Yes

Councilwoman Meiser - Yes

Councilman Murphy – Yes

Councilman Blankenship – Yes

Councilman Profitt – Yes

Motion carried.

Attorney Beck 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. (First Reading)**

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

**Councilman Blankenship – Yes
Councilman Profitt – Yes**

Motion carried.

Attorney Beck 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. (First Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Meiser 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. (First Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.

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

**Councilman Blankenship – Yes
Councilman Profitt – Yes**

Motion carried.

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order No. 25-0501: **An Executive Order entering into a one-year contract with Jules Comte for police services.**

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order No. 25-0402: **An Executive Order entering into a one-year contract with Thomas J. Selby for police services.**

City Administrator Report:

- P & Z met in April. Fischer submitted a revision of stage one and they also submitted the stage II Phase III plan. Both plans were approved by Planning and Zoning.
- 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.
- Spring clean up will be May 9th and 10th at Frederick's Landing. This is sponsored by Campbell County. Wilder personnel will be onsite to help.
- Splash pad pump has been ordered. Splash pad will be opened Memorial Day weekend.

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- Cannabis Ordinance will be on the agenda at the June meeting.
- The city will participate in KLC's reverse salt auction.
- City Administrator Vance is working with American Sound to install a new sound system in council chambers.
- Councilman Moles was not in attendance at the meeting but he asked City Administrator Vance to pass along information about BestofNKY.com. You can vote for your favorite businesses in different categories; some Wilder businesses are represented on the website.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Thanked everyone for all of their help with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Active Aging starts May 7th from 10:45 – 11:45. Runs for 8 weeks.
- 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 - \$11,000.

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

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- New recruit update: Corbin Kelley and Robert Rimer are coming in and learning about polices, rules and regulations for the city. They are scheduled to start the online part of the police academy on June 8th.
- 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.
- There have been some challenging calls for the department, please keep the officers in your thoughts.

Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Firefighter/EMT Chris Huster has resigned. The city will be hiring for the open position.
- Chief Neyman, Captain Lang and Lieutenant Boothe will be leaving Wednesday morning to go to Florida for a final inspection on the new Quint.
- The department did CPR and AED training at Town and Country two weeks ago.
- Ladies Auxiliary received a check for \$356 from Hometown Heroes, (Dayton, Kentucky); they donated a \$1 for every fish sandwich sold at the fish fry.

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Mayor Jones comments:

- Business luncheon went very well. Will Weber, CEO and President of Southbank Partners was the guest speaker.
- Mayor Jones attended a condo meeting at Signal Hill. The meeting went very well.
- Every quarter Mayor Jones sends out a year over year report to council. They can compare a year over year comparison on how the revenues are tracking.
- Budget will be sent to council by the end of May. The statute grants the mayor this amount of time.
- Mayor Jones attended a mayor's meeting. The meeting was very informative. Bob Yeager gave a presentation. Mayor Jones did talk to Mr. Yeager about John's Hill Road. He did reassure the mayor it was on the list. Mayor Jones also had the pleasure of speaking with the General Manager of TANK. She told the mayor they are evaluating their on-demand program and they would like to expand the coverage model so that they can increase their ridership. TANK has put together a survey regarding the on-demand program. If you are interested in the on-demand service, please fill out the survey. The link is on the Wilder's Facebook page.
- Thanked the staff and all the volunteers for helping at the Easter Egg Hunt. It was a success.
- The 1st Terrarium Workshop was well attended and everyone had a great time.
- Active Aging starts Wednesday and runs for 8 weeks.
- Coffee and Talk – May 19th.
- Music Festival – May 17th.
- The newsletter has been published and released. If you need a copy, contact the city building.
- Mayor Jones visited Vanceburg, Kentucky over the weekend. She was invited to attend a ceremony where Bobby Mackey was recognized for the impact he has had on the culture in the area. It was a very nice ceremony.

Council Comments:

Councilman Murphy:

- Thanked Chief Martin for the update regarding the situation on the bridge.
- Happy Spring.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thanked Chief Martin for the email recognizing Ryan Miller. Recognized Officer Miller for a job well done on the Southgate incident.
- Thanked Chris for coming to the meeting to explain the kayak rental.
- Thanked Connie for coming to the meeting and asking for a stop sign.
- Thanked Barleycorn's and Hometown Heroes for their donations.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked City Administrator Vance if he could give the residents on Three Mile an overview of the development on Three Mile.
 - City Administrator Vance stated if anyone has any questions, to contact him.
- Councilwoman Meiser read an email sent to her from residents on some improvements they would like to see to the city.

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Councilwoman Decker:

- Thanked Chief Neyman for the firefighter coin.
- Thanked Chris for coming to the meeting to explain the kayak rental.
- Thanked Senator Frommeyer and Representative Lehman for coming to the meeting.
- Prayers to Karen.

Councilman Profitt:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked Senator Frommeyer and Representative Lehman for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked everyone involved with the Easter Egg hunt.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Thanked Chris, Senator Frommeyer and Representative Lehman for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked the police for getting the new officers ready for the street.
- Prayers to Karen.

Councilman Moles:

- Not in attendance.

Citizen's Comments:

- No comment.

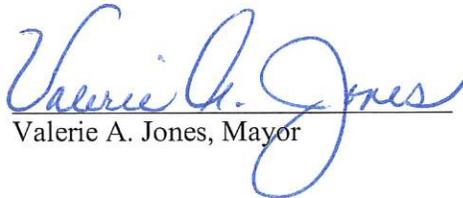
There will be two meetings in June to pass the budget.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 2nd at 6:30.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk