

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

August 4, 2025

The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday August 4, 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 Jeff Moles, Councilman Brad Murphy, and Councilman Jim Profitt.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 7, 2025. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- State of the City address will be delivered once the audio upgrades in the council chambers are installed and operational.

Special guest:

- Mayor Jones introduced Jerry from Bestway. Jerry asked council if they would consider moving the city's waste pickup from Tuesday to Wednesday. Bestway would take care of the notifications to our residents regarding the change in the city's pickup day. This change would be effective September 13th, if approved.
 - City Administrator Vance negotiated with Bestway the 3-year contract, which is 2027, 2028, and 2029; and asked Bestway if the city changed the pickup day would they consider a 4% increase over 3 years, instead of a 3% increase for each year. City Administrator Vance also stated the ordinance would need to be updated if they implement the change.

Discussion ensued regarding the change in the waste pickup day.

Council agreed to change the waste pickup from Tuesday to Wednesday starting September 13, 2025.

Citizen's Comments:

No comments.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 25-0801: **An Ordinance amending Chapter 51 Section 51.03 of the Wilder Municipal Code amending the day of the week for solid waste/recycling collection. (First Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 25-0801: **An Ordinance amending Chapter 51 Section 51.03 of the Wilder Municipal Code amending the day of the week for solid waste/recycling collection. (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.

Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 25-0801: **A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Wilder Campbell County Kentucky to enter into a contract addendum for an extension of a three-year contract with Best Way disposal of Indiana, Inc. for the purposes of providing curbside solid waste collection and recycling beginning January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029 and changing the day of the week collection.**

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Resolution No. 25-0801: **A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Wilder Campbell County Kentucky to enter into a contract addendum for an extension of a three-year contract with Best Way disposal of Indiana, Inc. for the purposes of providing curbside solid waste collection and recycling beginning January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029 and changing the day of the week collection. Mayor Jones called for a vote.**

Motion carried.

Citizen's Comments:

No comments.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 25-0701: **An ordinance amending the City of Wilder personnel policy by amending the position of paramedic to a hazardous duty position for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 25-0701: **An ordinance amending the City of Wilder personnel policy by amending the position of paramedic to a hazardous duty position 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 Moles - Yes
Councilman Blankenship – Yes
Councilman Profitt – Yes**

Motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

- Planning and Zoning approved the Fischer Development Stage 4 Plan but denied Fischer's parking variance request.
- Sanitary sewer restoration work is complete on the west side of Licking Pike. The trail has not been restored at this time. The contractor will be starting on the east side soon.
- American Sound has assigned a project manager for the council room; but no other update has been provided as of today.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- The county sent the tax roll and the paperwork has been sent to NKADD. They are waiting for information from the state, as soon as the information is received, NKADD will forward me the rate calculations.
- Flag Raising September 6th at 12:00 at City Center Park
- Senior Picnic September 17th at 12:00 at City Center Park
- Delinquent Taxes - \$8,000.

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

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- New recruit update: Corbin Kelley and Robert Rimer are at the academy. They are doing well.
- Officer Tuke and Officer Tyler are on solo patrol and in the final stages of their training.

Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Chief Neyman introduced new firefighter/EMT, Mitchell Hutchison. Mitchell was in attendance but will be sworn in at the next meeting.
 - Mitchell introduced himself and thanked Chief Neyman and Mayor Jones for the opportunity to serve the city.

Mayor Jones comments:

- John's Hill Road Update – KYDOT has it on their schedule for patching and repairs. The start date will depend on the contractor and Riegler.
- Active Aging – Thursdays 10:30 to 11:30 in September.
- Community drives are doing extremely well.
- Southbank Partner's Annual Meeting - Mayor Jones represented the city at the meeting.
- Steel mill update – a key executive would like to meet with Mayor Jones and City Administrator Vance, no date has been set.

- Mayor Jones thanked Councilmember Decker for setting up the blood drive.
- Coffee and Talk – September 15th at 10 a.m.
- Year over year report was sent to council.
- Thanked the staff, Jay and Amy from Barleycorn's and Chris from Schack's Yaks for the wonderful Party in the Park. It was a huge success. Thanked Chief Neyman and Chief Martin for their strong representation at the Party in the Park. Part of the proceeds that were raised will be donated to the city's police and fire. There may be another Party in the Park in the fall.
- Biggby – nothing new to report at this time.
- TANK Plus update – Mayor Jones will be issuing a public service announcement. TANK Plus has expanded their coverage to include all of Wilder.
- New event in November – Card making class. Tammy Moles will teach the class. Mayor Jones shared some of the cards Tammy has made. Mayor Jones thanked Tammy for sharing her talent and volunteering her time for the class.

Council Comments:

Councilman Blankenship:

- Councilman Blankenship asked for an update on the charge stations.
 - City Administrator Vance stated the money is in the capital budget; he stated he wasn't sure it was a good idea at this time.
- Councilman Blankenship asked for an update on the trail system.
 - City Administrator Vance stated he is working with Terricon. More information to come.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Thanked City Administrator Vance for getting the tall grass cut along Route 9.
 - City Administrator Vance stated Public Works got the job done.

Councilwoman Decker:

- No comment.

Councilman Murphy:

- No comment.

Councilwoman Meiser:

- Thanked City Administrator Vance for his work with Bestway.

Councilman Moles:

- Party in the Park was fantastic.

Citizen's Comments:

- No comment.

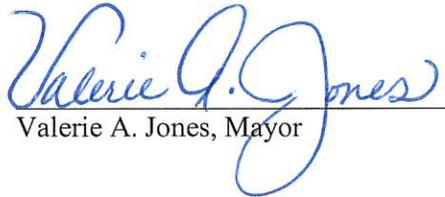
Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:30.

Mayor Jones stated there will be two meetings in September to set the 2025 tax rate.

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 7:22 p.m.


Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juanita Schultz - City Clerk