

# CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

September 2, 2025

**The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Tuesday September 2, 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 Proffitt.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

**Upon motion of Councilwoman Meiser, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 4, 2025. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

## **Mayor Jones opening comments:**

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Reminder that the September/October newsletter has been published and emailed. Contact the city building if you need a copy.
- Mayor Jones asked Attorney Beck to move the executive orders first so families can leave after the ceremonies.
- 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 Shane Trego with Barleycorn's Brewhouse. He presented a check to the first responders. Barleycorn's donated part of the proceeds from the Party in the Park to the fire and police departments. Mayor thanked Barleycorn's Brewhouse.

Mayor Jones stated there will be another Party in the Park in the fall.

## **Citizen's Comments:**

No comments.

## **Attorney's Report:**

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Attorney Beck presented Executive Order 25-0901: **An executive order appointing Mitchell Hutchison to the position of Firefighter/EMT for the Wilder Fire Department.**

Mitchell was sworn in by Attorney Beck.

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order 25-0903: **An executive order promoting Ryan Miller to the position of Sergeant for the Wilder Police Department.**

Sergeant Miller was sworn in by Attorney Beck.

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order 25-0902: **An executive order promoting Cameron Holland to the position of Sergeant for the Wilder Police Department.**

Sergeant Holland was sworn in by Attorney Beck.

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. (Second 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. (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 Beck presented Ordinance No. 25-0901: **An Ordinance levying an ad valorem tax rate for the year of 2025 on all property real and personal in the City of Wilder, KY, setting the waste collection/recycling rate for 2026 on properties receiving curb side collection, levying an ad valorem tax rate on motor vehicles for 2025 in the City of Wilder, KY, establishing the rates therefore and adopting the Campbell County tax commissioner's assessment on said property and providing for a tax lien against all taxable property in the City of Wilder, Kentucky to secure the payment of said taxes. (First Reading)**

- *Long discussion ensued regarding the real and personal tax rate for 2025.*

*Councilman Blankenship made a motion to raise the Real tax rate from .231 to .245 and Tangible tax rate from .440 to .650. There was no second.*

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Upon motion of Councilwomen Meiser seconded by Councilman Profitt to approve Ordinance No. 25-0901: : **An Ordinance levying an ad valorem tax rate for the year of 2025 on all property real and personal in the City of Wilder, KY, setting the waste collection/recycling rate for 2026 on properties receiving curb side collection, levying an ad valorem tax rate on motor vehicles for 2025 in the City of Wilder, KY, establishing the rates therefore and adopting the Campbell County tax commissioner's assessment on said property and providing for ta tax lien against all taxable property in the City of Wilder, Kentucky to secure the payment of said taxes. (First Reading) Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote.**

*Motion was made to keep the Real tax rate at .231 and Tangible at .440.*

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

**Councilman Moles - No  
Councilman Blankenship – No  
Councilman Profitt – Yes**

**Motion carried.**

**City Administrator Report:**

- City Administrator Vance asked for a motion to declare an old boat motor surplus.

**Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to declare the boat motor surplus. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

- *Trail update* – City Administrator Vance met with Viox and Viox over zoom regarding the trails. The city would like to extend the trails at Frederick's Landing. The GeoTech report and the civil engineers are recommending not to pave the portion of the trails right away. They would like to put a series of gravel bases down and then wait and see what happens with that section.

**Department Reports:**

**Treasurer Report:**

- Flag Raising September 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at City Center Park. The city will be honoring Richard Fowler.
- Coffee and Talk – moved from September 15<sup>th</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.
- Senior Picnic September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at City Center Park.
- Active Aging – Thursdays in September – 10:30 to 11:30.
- Yard sale – September 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Police Chief Comments:**

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### **Chief Martin:**

- Chief Martin commented that both promotions – Sergeant Holland and Sergeant Miller - are coming with much larger police department experience. This allows them to bring that training and those calls to service that they ran for years to a much higher level to Wilder.

### **Fire Chief Comments:**

### **Chief Neyman:**

- Chief Neyman welcomed Mitchell Hutchison to the fire department.

Juanita stated the city will start taking credit cards next week.

### **Mayor Jones comments:**

- Mayor Jones sent a mid-month update to council in August.
- The joint Tank/Wilder Public Service Announcement was filmed and published. This will help promote broader coverage within Wilder.
- The Annual Report for 2024/2025 is now complete and available on the website. Hard copies were put in council's mailboxes. Mayor Jones thanked all the department heads and a special thank you to Juanita for helping her compile all the data and accomplishments.
- Holiday Terrarium – November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- "Reserved for Veteran" signs are located in front of the city building and another one in the park. Cost was \$50 a sign.
- The city enrolled in another Opioid lawsuit and received \$20,467 on August 8, 2025. The total amount of funds received to date is \$170,606. These funds are restricted.
- Thanked KYTC for getting some of the repairs done on John's Hill Road. Thanked City Administrator Vance for his help in getting information in the newsletter.
- Fall Party in the Park is Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00.
- Donation drives – the city continues to receive amazing support of the "Do-Good, Feel-Good Campaign". Thanked the community for their support. The next them drive is Vincent's Angels Christmas.
- First Friday - September 5<sup>th</sup>. Randy's Rugged Wear has joined the list with an incentive for Wilder residents. Please support our local businesses.
- Thanked Lauren and Hunter Parnell for the little library in the park. Thanked public works for putting it up.

### **Council Comments:**

### **Councilman Blankenship:**

- Thanked City Administrator Vance for his help and knowledge on the tax rate.
- Congratulated the new promotions in the police department and the new hire in the fire department.

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**Councilman Profitt:**

- Congratulated the new promotions in the police department and the new hire in the fire department.
- Wilder is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state of Kentucky for the best place to live.
- John's Hill Road looks great.
- Councilman Profitt stated he would like to be more aware of things that are happening in the city.

**Councilwoman Decker:**

- Congratulated Cameron, Ryan and Mitchell.
- Thanked the Parnell's for the little library.

**Councilwoman Meiser:**

- Thanked the Parnell's for the little library.
- Congratulated Cameron, Ryan and Mitchell.
- Dump trucks and other cars are still speeding on Three Mile.
- Councilwoman Meiser asked if some trees on Three Mile could be cut down by Eichman's house because of the visibility.
  - City Administrator Vance stated he would take a look at it.

**Councilwoman Murphy:**

- Congratulated the new promotions in the police department and the new hire in the fire department.
- Thanked City Administrator Vance, Chief Neyman and Chief Martin for their help with the issues on Observatory.

**Councilman Moles:**

- Echoed everyone's comments.

**Citizen's Comments:**

- No comment.

*Next meeting will be Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.*

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**Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Juanita Schultz - City Clerk