

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

January 5, 2026

The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, January 5, 2026 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, Councilman Jeff Moles, Councilman Brad Murphy, and Councilman Jim Profitt.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 1, 2025. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Citizens Comments:

- Mayor Jones introduced Tyan Eichman. Tyan lives at 99 Three Mile Road.
 - Ms. Eichman addressed Council regarding construction hours and noise permitted under the City's nuisance ordinance. Ms. Eichman expressed concerns about extended construction hours, heavy equipment noise, and the impact on residents living near long-term construction projects. She requested Council to revisit the ordinance and consider revisions to construction and heavy equipment hours. The City's Ordinance states construction can happen from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Ordinance does not state what type of noise. Ms. Eichman gave some examples of some ordinances in other cities and counties. For example, Villa Hills Ordinance states construction hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sundays and legal holidays construction work is prohibited.

A long discussion was ensued regarding amending the Nuisance Ordinance. City Administrator Vance asked council to contact him with their feedback and ideas and he can present them at the next council meeting in February.

Mayor Jones thanked Tyna Eichman for coming to the meeting with her concerns and she also thanked council for their discussion.

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Mayor Jones welcomed Lauren Purnell. Lauren introduced herself and thanked council for the opportunity to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Beck presented Resolution No. 26-0101: **A Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, and establishing the term of office for that member.**

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Resolution No. 26-0101: **A Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Wilder, Kentucky, and establishing the term of office for that member. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Lauren Purnell was sworn in by Attorney Beck.

City Administrator Report:

- The 2016 Dodge Charger was sold on Govdeals for \$3750.
- Parking lot bids – Bids were accepted a couple of weeks ago. There were four bids and Cincinnati Asphalt Company had the lowest bid. The bid was for \$101,877.42. City Administrator Vance asked for a motion to accept Cincinnati Asphalt's bid.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Murphy to accept Cincinnati Asphalt's bid of \$101,877.42. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

City Administrator stated the bid from Cincinnati Asphalt came in lower than what was budgeted. The budget to pave the parking lot is \$210,000. He asked council to use some of the savings from the bid to replace the front parking lot lights with Duke lighting. He stated the lights in the back are Duke Energy lights and the lights in the front are city lights on the city metered service. The cost to the city would be \$58,573.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to use the savings from the parking lot to replace the lighting in the front parking lot to Duke Energy lighting. The total cost is \$58,573. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

- City Administrator Vance provided updates regarding the Highway Department's construction of NKU and Pool's Creek Road project, zoning matters, and anticipated municipal boundary adjustments.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Delinquent property tax letters will be mailed out.
- Christmas decorating contest winners:
 - 1st 488 Stevens Trail
 - 2nd 18 Wesley Drive
 - 3rd 730 John's Hill

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

City Administrator Vance sent council the Park Ordinance back in October to look over. He stated if there were going to be changes to the rental fee the deadline was approaching. City Center Park shelter rentals are as follows:

- Monday through Thursday a 4-hour rental is \$25.00
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday you can rent the shelter from 11:00 to 3:00 or 4:00 to 8:00 for \$40.

Frederick Landing rental:

- The rental fee is \$75.00 for an all-day rental.

Discussion was ensued regarding changing the amount of the rental fees and whether to charge a different amount for residents.

Upon motion from Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Moles to amend the Park Ordinance to read the following:

- *City Center Park shelters*
 - *Friday through Sunday - \$50.00 for non-residents for a 4-hour rental.*
 - *Friday through Sunday - \$40.00 for residents, employees and businesses for a 4-hour rental.*
 - *Monday through Thursday - \$25.00 for a 4-hour rental.*
- *Frederick's Landing*
 - *Sunday through Saturday – all day rental for non-residents - \$75.00.*
 - *Sunday through Saturday – all day rental for residents, employees, and businesses - \$65.00.*

Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- Officers Corbin Kelley and Robert Rimer are continuing with their field training and doing well.
- No new applications for Officer Wielgus's vacancy.
- Chief Martin stated the point of contact while he is away at the FBI National Academy is Lieutenant Peak.

Mayor Jones congratulated Chief Martin on his selection to the FBI National Academy. She stated it was an intense application process. Chief Martin was nominated by chiefs from other departments and was selected by the academy. The city is extremely proud to have Chief Martin represent the city at the academy.

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Fire Chief Comments:

Chief Neyman:

- Breakfast with Santa – Thanked Biggby Coffee and Wilder McDonald's for their donations.
- Due to the new CAD upgrade the fire department purchased new iPads.

Mayor Jones was able to attend the Southgate installation of officers last Saturday. She observed that under the leadership of Chief Neyman demonstrated cooperation between Wilder and Southgate. The partnership has been established for a number of years and is respected and highly regarded. She thanked Chief Neyman for all the work he does to make this happen.

Mayor Jones comments:

- Coffee and Talk changed to January 21st at 10:00.
- Mayor Jones met with the police department and will be meeting with the fire department and the staff to kick off the new year. The staff will plan the calendar of events at the staff meeting.
- The medical cannabis will be opening in Wilder, behind Patient Aids.
- City Administrator Vance and Mayor Jones will resume the one-on-one business meetings this year.

Council Comments:

Councilman Blankenship:

- Thanked Tyna Eichman for attending the meeting and voicing her concerns regarding the noise ordinance.
- Welcomed Lauren Purnell.
- Congratulated Chief Martin on his selection to the FBI National Academy.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Congratulated Chief Martin on his selection to the FBI National Academy. Council is proud of you.
- Thanked Tyna Eichman for coming to the meeting. Council will address the issue.
- Congratulated Lauren Purnell.
- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Councilwoman Decker:

- Congratulated Chief Martin, we are very proud.
- Congratulated to Lauren Purnell.
- Blood drive update – collected 62 units and they saved 69 lives. The blood drives are a total success in Wilder.
- Councilwoman Decker read aloud a letter from a concerned resident. The letter was dropped off in her mailbox. The letter addressed the Christmas trees put up by the Historical Society. They were disappointed that all the trees were not lit up at night and they also had some ideas for next year. City Administrator Vance stated he will pass the concerns and ideas to the Historical Society.

Councilman Williams:

- Not in attendance.

Councilman Murphy:

- Congratulated Chief Martin on his selection to the FBI National Academy.
- Thanked Tyna Eichman for coming to the meeting and he agreed the hours are too long.
- Welcomed Lauren Purnell.
- Thanked Public Works for their snow removal. Great job.
- Happy New Year.

Councilman Moles:

- Congratulated Chief Martin on his selection to the FBI National Academy.
- Thanked Tyna Eichman for coming to the meeting.
- Welcomed Lauren Purnell.
- Thanked the city for a great employee Christmas luncheon.
- Happy New Year.

Citizen's Comments:

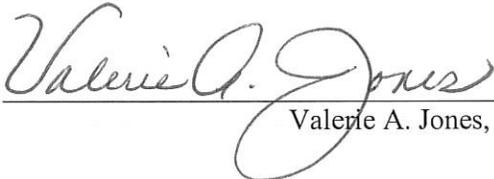
- No comment.

Next meeting will be February 2nd at 6:30.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk