

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

July 6, 2026

The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, July 6, 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 Councilman Bob Blankenship, Councilwoman Sandy Decker, Councilman Jeff Moles, Councilman Brad Murphy, and Councilman Jim Proffitt.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Proffitt, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 15, 2026. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Welcomed, Jay Shelton, CEO of Barleycorn's to the council meeting.
 - Jay presented Chief Neyman and Chief Martin with a check. Barleycorn's donated proceeds from the Party in the Park to the fire and police departments.

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order 26-0701: **An executive order promoting Lieutenant/Paramedic Ryan Booth to the Position of Captain/Paramedic for the Wilder Fire Department.**

Mayor Jones welcomed Jennifer Sheehy and Angela Wyatt with the Cabinet of Health and Family Services. Jennifer explained that they were visiting communities throughout Kenton and Campbell Counties to raise awareness regarding the urgent need for foster and adoptive families.

Mayor Jones thanked both presenters for their dedication and advised Council that the city would explore opportunities to assist by sharing information through City communications and future community events.

Mayor Jones welcomed Christy Burch, Chief Executive Officer of the ION Center for Violence Prevention, and Lisa, Chief Financial Officer, to present information regarding the organization's interest in purchasing City-owned property located on Licking Pike across from the Wilder Fire Department.

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Ms. Burch provided Council with an overview of the ION Center, explaining that the organization has served Northern Kentucky for over 50 years. Formerly known as the Women's Crisis Center, the organization provides services to individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse. She stated that the ION Center is the second-largest state-designated domestic violence program in Kentucky.

Ms. Burch advised Council that approximately 40 full-time employees and 24 part-time employees would ultimately work from the proposed Wilder facility. She noted that the project would bring approximately \$2.7 million annually in payroll into the local economy while consolidating the agency's existing Northern Kentucky operations into one location.

Council members asked several questions regarding the project.

City Attorney Beck recommended that council enter Executive Session pursuant to **KRS 61.810(1)(b)** for deliberations concerning the proposed sale of City-owned real property where public discussion could affect the property's value.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Murphy to enter into Executive Session at 7:06 pm. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to return to open session at 7:24 pm. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones advised that discussion had concluded and requested action regarding the proposed purchase agreement.

City Administrator Vance summarized that the proposal involved the sale of the City-owned property located on Licking Pike across from the Fire Department.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker, to approve the sale of the property to the ION Center for Violence Prevention for \$300,000 subject to final contract language being completed by the City Attorney and the parties addressing construction timelines and related contractual details. Mayor Jones asked for a roll vote.

Councilman Blankenship	Yes
Councilman Murphy	Yes
Councilman Profitt	Yes

Councilman Moles	Yes
Councilwoman Decker	Yes

Motion Carried.

Mayor Jones officially welcomed the ION Center to the City of Wilder and thanked the organization's leadership for investing in the community.

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Citizens Comments:

- Mrs. Turner addressed Council regarding continuing problems with leaves blowing from mature oak trees located on Signal Hill Condominium property onto John's Hill Road and adjoining residential properties. She stated she had personally collected numerous bags of leaves each season and believed the accumulation created drainage issues and unsightly appearance.
 - City Administrator Vance explained that Kentucky law generally treats naturally falling leaves similarly to stormwater and tree limbs, making enforcement difficult.

Mayor Jones thanked the citizens for bringing their concerns before council.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Mayor Jones reminded everyone that the City's latest newsletter had been distributed and encouraged residents to visit the City's website, Facebook page, and email subscription service to remain informed of upcoming activities.
- Mayor Jones expressed appreciation to the whole staff for organizing the City's successful Music Festival celebrating America's 250th Anniversary.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 26-0602: **An Ordinance amending the personnel policy by updating and revising the pay plan for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (Second Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Ordinance No. 26-0602: **An Ordinance amending the personnel policy by updating and revising the pay plan for the City of Wilder, Kentucky. (Second Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a vote.

Councilman Blankenship	Yes	Councilman Moles	Yes
Councilman Murphy	Yes	Councilwoman Decker	Yes
Councilman Profit	Yes		

Motion carried.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 26-0603: **An Ordinance amending the police department policy and procedures manual by adding policy #61 license plate readers per the recommended model policy proposed by the Kentucky League of Cities. (Second Reading)**

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Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Ordinance No. 26-0603: **An Ordinance amending the police department policy and procedures manual by adding policy #61 license plate readers per the recommended model policy proposed by the Kentucky League of Cities. (Second Reading) Mayor Jones called for a vote.**

Councilman Blankenship	Yes	Councilman Moles	Yes
Councilman Murphy	Yes	Councilwoman Decker	Yes
Councilman Profitt	Yes		

Motion carried.

Attorney Beck presented Resolution NO. 26-0702: **A Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Adjustments for the City of Wilder, Kentucky, to fill a vacancy on that board.**

- Mayor Jones appointed Mr. Greg Castle to the Wilder Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term. The term of office will expire 12/31/28.

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve Resolution No. 26-0702: **A Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Adjustments for the City of Wilder, Kentucky, to fill a vacancy on that board. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.**

Greg Castle was sworn in by Attorney Beck.

Mayor Jones congratulated Mr. Castle and thanked him for his willingness to serve the City.

City Administrator Vance:

- *The Bentwood Hills culvert update:* The delivery of the replacement culvert section is expected within approximately three weeks. Mr. Vance reported that utility relocation costs from several private companies would increase the overall project budget, although the Northern Kentucky Water District had been cooperative throughout the project.
- *NKU/Pooles Creek Connector Road:* There will be a public meeting at the city building on July 16 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. He stated the project should significantly reduce traffic along John's Hill Road by providing an additional route through the area.
- *Coffee Shop Project:* Engineering plans for the City's coffee shop improvements had been completed. Construction bids would be advertised immediately. The bids will be opened on July 23 at 10:00 am.

Mayor Jones thanked City Administrator Vance for the project updates.

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Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Working on the 2026 annual report.
- 2026 tax roll expected the end of July.
- Delinquent taxes - \$21,900.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the financial report and authorize payment of the bills for General Fund ending May 2026. Mayor called for a vote. Motion carried.

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- Chief Martin reported that Detective Selby had successfully obtained a Kentucky Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program Grant totaling \$15,900.
- Kentucky League of Cities had adopted new firearms qualification requirements requiring officers to qualify using moving targets. Wilder partnered with several Campbell County law enforcement agencies to jointly purchase a moving robotic target system. .

Fire Chief Comments:

- Chief Neyman congratulated Captain Ryan Booth on his promotion.
- Thanked Barleycorn's for its continued support of the Fire Department and expressed appreciation to everyone who attended Party in the Park.

Mayor Jones comment:

- Coffee and Talk – rescheduled to July 21st.
- Congratulated Captain Ryan Booth on his promotion.
- Welcomed Greg Castle as the City's newest member of the Board of Adjustments.
- Thanked Not Johnny for partnering with the City to produce a public service announcement promoting the recent Music Festival.
- Mayor Jones discussed a vacancy on the Campbell Media Board. She invited any interested council member or resident to contact city hall regarding the appointment.
- Mayor Jones thanked City Administrator Vance for overseeing maintenance and improvements to the city-owned coffee shop property.

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Council Comments:

Councilman Blankenship:

- Congratulated Captain Ryan Booth and Greg Castle.
- He complimented City Staff on another successful Party in the Park.
- Thanked all city employees for their dedication and hard work.

Councilman Profitt:

- Congratulated Greg Castle
- Congratulated Ryan Booth and wished him continued success in his new leadership position.
- Party in the Park was great.
- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Congratulated Captain Booth on his promotion and Greg Castle on his appointment to the Board of Adjustments.

Councilman Murphy:

- Congratulated Greg Castle
- Congratulated Ryan Booth and wished him continued success in his new leadership position.
- Party in the Park was great.
- "Welcome to Wilder" signs look great.

Councilman Moles:

- Congratulated Captain Booth on his promotion and Greg Castle on his appointment to the Board of Adjustments.

Councilman Williams:

- Not in attendance.

Citizen's Comments:

- No comment.

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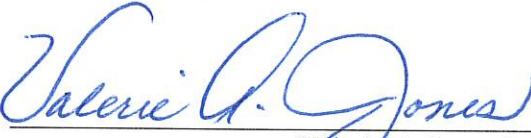
Next meeting:

August 3, 2026

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 7:55 p.m.



Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk