

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

August 3, 2026

The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, August 3, 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, Councilman Jim Profitt and Councilman Andy Williams.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 6, 2026. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Joshua Baker, candidate for State Senate, was unable to attend because of a scheduling conflict and requested to appear at the September meeting.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order 26-0801: **An executive order appointing Matt Coates to the position of Public Works Laborer for the Wilder Public Works Department.**

City Administrator Vance reported that Mr. Coates had worked part-time for the city during the summer and had demonstrated valuable mechanical and repair skills.

Attorney Beck reported on delinquent property taxes. He advised that letters would be sent warning of liens on properties two years delinquent.

Citizens Comments:

- No comment.

City Administrator Vance:

- ***The Bentwood Hills culvert update:*** Equipment has been delivered and excavation is expected to begin tomorrow. The replacement culvert will be approximately 165 feet long and 12 feet by 14 feet a horseshoe-shaped box culvert. TerraCon was retained for geotechnical, concrete, and soil testing. The project cost is already well in the \$1 million range, with final cost still undetermined. City Administrator Vance hoped the work will be substantially completed by the next regular meeting.
- ***Coffee Shop Project:*** Five contractors obtained bid information and two submitted bids. Eaton Asphalt bid \$249,916.65 and John P. Tumlin & Sons bid \$278,759.85. The engineer recommended Eaton Asphalt.
 - Council discussed the city-owned property, the lease structure, repayment of the improvements, insurance responsibilities, maintenance, and the use of Public Works for minor work. City Administrator Vance explained that the tenant would repay the improvements through the lease, the city would retain ownership of the building, and tenant-requested city services would be billed at full cost.

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilman Williams to award the Coffee Shop Project to Eaton Asphalt in the amount of \$249,916.65. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

- ***Country Drive Bids:*** City Administrator Vance explained that the existing street had recurring drainage and pavement failures. The proposed work includes curb and gutter improvements and repaving the existing public street. Three bids were received: Riegler Blacktop, \$153,515.05; Pavement Partners, \$156,231.76; and Eaton Asphalt, \$166,861.75. The engineer recommended Riegler Blacktop. A sidewalk alternate was added to the bid. City Administrator Vance would like to reject the alternate based off of the engineer's recommendation. The sidewalk elevations could be addressed after the roadway and curb grades were established.
 - Council discussed the new medical cannabis dispensary, other businesses on Country Drive, and potential city revenues from property tax, tangible, payroll, utility franchise, and occupational taxes. City Administrator Vance explained that the roadway work was needed for the entire street and was not solely for the dispensary.

Upon motion of Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to award the work on Country Drive to Riegler Blacktop in the amount of \$153,515.05 and reject the sidewalk alternate. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

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Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Accountant, Dave Baker, will be in August 20th to close the books for FY26.
- Paul Maddox, Maddox and Associates, will begin the FY26 audit October 12th.
- 2026 tax roll expected end of the week.
- Splash Pad closes September 7th.
- Upcoming events:
 - Blood Drive - August 25th.
 - Party in the Park – September 1st.
 - Flag Raising – September 12th.
 - Senior Picnic – September 30th.

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

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- Chief Martin reported that the Police Department's re-accreditation review was nearing completion. A site visit would follow, and the department expected to be re-accredited for another four years.
- Chief Martin wished Sergeant Collins a happy retirement.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Chief Neyman reported that Jacob Nichols will be graduating from paramedic school on August 10th and was ranked near the top of his class.

Mayor Jones comment:

- Thanked Councilman Jeff Moles for volunteering to serve on the Campbell County Media Board.

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Williams to appoint Councilman Jeff Moles as the City of Wilder's representative to the Campbell County Media Board. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

- Coffee and Talk was well attended.
- The new cannabis business is C3 Industries, doing business as High Profile.
- Two or three additional businesses were considering locations in Wilder, although negotiations remained confidential.
- Bobby Mackey's site plan has been approved and construction is expected to begin late summer.
- Thanked Tami Vance for designing and planting the new city entryway landscaping and for devoting personal time to the project.
- Congratulated Sgt. Collins on his retirement.

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- Mayor Jones attended a Police Department meeting and planned to attend the Fire Department meeting as part of her regular department outreach.
- Two meetings will be held in September to adopt the tax ordinance in time for mailing. The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 8 because of the Labor Day holiday.
- Mayor Jones encouraged support for the food, pet and school supply drive as the school year and winter months approach.
- The 2026 annual report will be published soon. Thanked all the departments for their submission and help getting it published.
- State of the City address is planned for November and will cover the prior year.
- The ION Center contract has been fully executed.
- Candidates for city office need to provide a newsletter biography for the September/October newsletter, which will be hand-delivered to the residents.

Council Comments:

Councilman Blankenship:

- Nothing to report.

Councilman Profitt:

- Congratulated Sergeant Collins on his retirement.
- Welcomed Matt Coates to the city.
- Complimented Tami Vance on the landscaping improvements.
- Thanked Councilman Moles for accepting the Campbell County Media Board appointment and thanked Cheryl for her prior service.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Echoed Councilman Profitt's comments.

Councilman Williams:

- Echoed Councilman Profitt's comments.

Councilman Murphy:

- Echoed Councilman Profitt's comments.
- Thanked City Administrator Vance for following up on hydraulic oil spilled by a Bestway garbage truck on the city streets.

Councilman Moles:

- Echoed Councilman Profitt's comments.
- Thanked Tami Vance for doing the landscaping around the welcome signs.

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Citizen's Comments:

- No comment.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk