

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

September 8, 2026

The meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 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 Profitt.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Profitt, seconded by Councilman Blankenship to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 3, 2026. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Motion carried.

Invited Guest:

Mayor Jones introduced Joshua Baker, candidate for Kentucky State Senate District 24. Mr. Baker stated he is a Campbell County graduate and Army veteran and discussed his background in the service and hospitality industries.

Mayor Jones opening comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Announced that the September/October city newsletter has been distributed and thanked Public Works and all the volunteers who assisted with hand delivery. Copies are available at the city building and online.
- Noted that the meeting would include substantial discussion of the 2026 tax ordinance and the statutory requirements associated with the first reading.

Citizens Comments:

Luke Glaser, a resident of Three Mile Road and candidate for Wilder City Council, introduced himself. He stated he has lived in Greater Cincinnati throughout his life, in Campbell County for approximately ten years and in Wilder for four years. He said he hopes to continue the City's tradition of sound budgeting while bringing fresh perspectives to council.

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Attorney's Report:

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order 26-0902: **An executive order promoting Jacob Nichols to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic for the Wilder Fire Department.**

Attorney Beck presented Executive Order 26-0901: **An executive order entering into a one-year contract with Mickey Collins for Police Services.**

Mickey Collins was sworn in by Attorney Beck.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 26-0901: **An Ordinance amending and adding additional policies to the Police Department Policy and Procedures Manual. Amending policy #61 license plate readers and adding new policy #62 golden/green alert and policy #63 amber alert. (First Reading)**

Upon motion of Councilman Blankenship, seconded by Councilwoman Decker to approve Ordinance No. 26-0901: **An Ordinance amending and adding additional policies to the Police Department Policy and Procedures Manual. Amending policy #61 license plate readers and adding new policy #62 golden/green alert and policy #63 amber alert. (First Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a vote.

Councilman Blankenship - Yes
Councilman Moles - Yes
Councilman Profit - Yes

Councilwoman Decker - Yes
Council Murphy - Yes

Motion carried.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 26-0902: **An Ordinance levying an ad valorem tax rate for the year of 2026 on all property real and personal in the City of Wilder, KY, setting the waste collection/recycling rate for 2027 on properties receiving curb side collection, levying an ad valorem tax rate on motor vehicles for 2026 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)**

A long discussion was ensued regarding the 2026 property and tangible tax rates.

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Motion was passed using the compensating rate plus four percent:

Real - .224

Tangible - .476

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

**Councilwoman Decker - Yes
Council Murphy - Yes**

Motion carried.

Council agreed that the required public hearing would be held at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026, followed by the council meeting. The previously scheduled September 21st meeting would not be held.

Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 26-0903: **An Ordinance amending Chapter 72 Section 72.02 of the Wilder Municipal Code adding two (2) new publicly dedicated streets in the Overlook at Sunrock Development. Streets will be city maintained and are located within the City of Wilder. Setting speed limits, stop sign locations and parking restrictions for the newly dedicated streets. (First Reading)**

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**Councilman Blankenship - Yes
Councilman Moles - Yes
Councilman Profitt - Yes**

**Councilwoman Decker - Yes
Council Murphy - Yes**

Motion carried.

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Attorney Beck presented Ordinance No. 26-0904: **An Ordinance approving a lease agreement to finance the costs of a public project in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$1,150,000; providing for the payment and security of the lease and deposits to a sinking fund; authorizing the execution of various documents related to such lease; and making certain designations regarding such lease. (First Reading)**

- City Administrator Vance presented a slide show documenting the Bentwood Hills Drive culvert and reconstruction. The remaining work includes completion of the headwall, utility work, grading, paving and restoration. Completion was estimated at approximately four to five weeks.
- City Administrator Vance introduced Brian Skinner of RSA Advisors, who explained that interest-rate proposals were being solicited from local and national banks. The proposed financing would use a ten-year term with no prepayment penalty. Bid results were expected before the September 28th meeting.
- Mr. Skinner and Attorney Beck explained the sinking-fund language and noted that it is a financing requirement that would not materially change the City's normal payment practices.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Decker, seconded by Councilman Moles to approve Ordinance No. 26-0904: **An Ordinance approving a lease agreement to finance the costs of a public project in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$1,150,000; providing for the payment and security of the lease and deposits to a sinking fund; authorizing the execution of various documents related to such lease; and making certain designations regarding such lease. (First Reading)** Mayor Jones called for a vote.

Councilman Blankenship - Yes
Councilman Moles - Yes
Councilman Profitt - Yes

Councilwoman Decker - Yes
Council Murphy - Yes

Motion carried.

Proclamation:

Mayor Jones read a proclamation marking September 17, 2026 as the 239th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of The United States of America and proclaiming September 17 through September 23 as Constitution Week. The proclamation was prepared at the request of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Delinquent Property Taxes:

Attorney Beck reported that letters had been sent to delinquent real estate taxpayers as discussed at the prior council meeting. Two responses had been received.

City Administrator Vance:

- **Coffee Shop Project:** Interior work is beginning. The tenant's financing has been approved, and minor details concerning equipment rental are being finalized. A preconstruction meeting was scheduled, and Eaton Asphalt will perform the exterior work, including relocation of gas and HVAC items.
- **Country Drive:** A preconstruction meeting was held. The project will add curb and gutters on the street and repave the street to improve drainage and pavement life. Work is not expected to be complete before the medical cannabis business ribbon cutting.
- **Johns Hill Road/Licking Pike:** City Administrator Vance addressed the temporary dirt and construction-material area, explaining that multiple contractors have used the site and that drainage pipes must be installed before the area can be graded and cleaned up.
- **ION Center:** The ION Center applied for a conditional use permit for the property at 530 Licking Pike. A Board of Adjustment hearing must be scheduled for the proposed congregate housing use before the applicant proceeds with a more detailed development plan before the Planning Commission.

Department Reports:

Treasurer Report:

- Upcoming events:
 - Flag Raising – September 12th.
 - Coffee and Talk with the Mayor is September 21st.
 - Senior Picnic – September 30th.
 - Medicare Seminar – September 30th.
 - Trunk or Treat - October 24th.

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

Police Chief Comments:

Chief Martin:

- Chief Martin reported that the Police Department successfully completed reaccreditation and is certified for another four years. He noted that the accreditation and audit process help the city obtain the lowest liability rating available for its insurance premium.
- Welcomed Officer Mickey Collins back to the department and thanked him for returning with his experience and knowledge of the city.
- Touch a Truck will be held September 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Mayor Jones announced that, as a founding member of the Northern Kentucky Peer Support Team, the Police Department received a \$5,000 award from the Kentucky Attorney General for continued program development and for setting a high standard for peer support in Kentucky.

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Fire Chief Comments:

- Chief Neyman congratulated Mickey Collins on returning to the Police Department.
- Turkey Raffle – November 20th.

Mayor Jones comment:

- Mid-month update was sent to council.
- Reported that she signed the latest plats for the Fischer Development and that construction of single-family homes is expected to begin soon.
- Congratulated Jacob Nichols on his promotion to Firefighter/Paramedic and welcomed Mickey Collins back to the Police Department.
- Party in the Park was successful and thanked everyone who was involved and who supported the event.
- Thanked council for performing your statutory duty and setting the tax-rate.
- Announced the business luncheon is scheduled for October, will details to follow.
- Noted upcoming meetings with Bentwood Hills and Signal Hill homeowners' association.
- High Profile, the medical cannabis business, will hold its ribbon cutting on Friday, September 25, 2026.

Council Comments:

Councilman Blankenship:

- Welcomed Mickey Collins back.
- Congratulated Jacob Nichols on his promotion.
- Congratulated the Police Department on their peer support award.

Councilman Proffitt:

- Welcomed Mickey Collins back.
- Congratulated Jacob Nichols on his promotion.
- Thanked the staff for working so hard.
- Asked about the work behind McDonalds and Waffle House. City Administrator Vance explained that it is related to the Andis Construction Development and changes required by the planned roadway and utility constraints.

Councilwoman Decker:

- Welcomed Mickey Collins back.
- Congratulated Jacob Nichols on his promotion.
- Thanked Police and Fire for their assistance with a recent incident.

Councilman Williams:

- Not in attendance.

Councilman Murphy:

- Thanked everyone who works in the city.

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Councilman Moles:

- Welcomed Mickey Collins back.
- Congratulated Jacob Nichols on his promotion.
- Welcomed High Profile to Wilder.

Citizen's Comments:

- No comment.

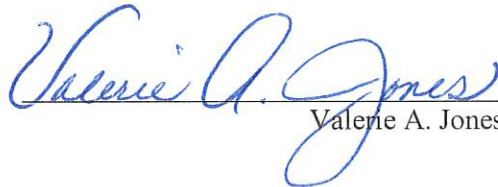
Next meeting:

Monday, September 28, 2026

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 7:45 p.m.



Valerie A. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita Schultz - City Clerk