

CITY OF WILDER, KENTUCKY

June 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Wilder City Council was held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at the Wilder City Building, 520 Licking Pike, Wilder, Kentucky 41071.

Lords Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to Order:

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Roll call was answered by Councilman Bob Arnold, Councilman Robert Blankenship, Councilwoman Valerie Jones, Councilman Robert Honaker and Councilman Jerry Sebastian.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilman Sebastian seconded by Councilwoman Jones to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting/Road Fund Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Incoming and outgoing correspondence copied to Council prior to the meeting.

Reports Presented:

Police Department
Fire Department

Activity Report May 2017
Quarterly Report Jan-March 2017

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Verst presented **Ordinance No. 17-0601: Adopting the City of Wilder, Kentucky's annual budget for fiscal year 7/1/17 through 6/30/18 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operation of city government. (1st Reading)**

Councilman Arnold opened discussion on the budget in reference to the process of creating the budget. He believes council needs to be more involved in the development of the budget and the process should be started sooner so they would have adequate time to review prior to the two readings needed to pass the budget.

Councilman Arnold feels that council needs to closely monitor the expenditures because it is the tax payer's money. He questioned several expenditures in the Recreation budget for the paving of the Frederick's Landing parking lot and additional funds in Frederick's Landing Capital Outlay.

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Discussion ensued regarding other cities development of their riverfronts and parks.

Councilman Arnold expressed concerns for appropriating \$60,000 under paving and \$104,400 under Capital Outlay. Prior to those kinds of funds being spent, he would like to see a more comprehensive plan on exactly what the money would be spent on.

Mayor advised council that they have the authority to appropriate the funds how they see fit. Mayor Turner informed council that the \$100,000 was added to the budget at the request of another council member. The specific use of this money was not discussed at that time.

Councilwoman Jones asked how that would work if we approved the budget as it stands with the \$100,000 in that specific account/place holder.

Terry explained the process on how the funds can be distributed and also expressed caution if the paving was not done at the landing this year, it could result in further deterioration of the lot, therefore having a possibility to cost more.

Councilman Arnold was most concerned with the \$60,000 for paving. He thinks the \$60,000 could be better spent. He would like to see a more comprehensive plan on how the landing would be developed.

Discussion ensued regarding a comprehensive plan and Mr. Vance advised he would contact Campbell County Fiscal Court to see who they used for their parks study.

Councilwoman Jones asked if it was the same consultant that we have covered under professional fees.

Terry was not sure on the comprehensive plan, whether we would use County Planning and zoning to help us or an outside consultant.

Councilman Arnold suggested creating a subcommittee of council that would look specifically at the landing. He volunteered to chair the committee.

Terry explained you can move the funds around in the budget from one department/account to another. It was agreed to move \$100,000 from Recreation to General Government.

Upon the motion of Councilman Blankenship and seconded by Councilman Honaker to approve Ordinance No. 17-0601: Adopting the City of Wilder, Kentucky's annual budget for fiscal year 7/1/17 through 6/30/18 by estimating revenues and appropriating funds for the operation of city government with amended amounts. Mayor Turner called for a vote. (1st Reading)

**Councilman Blankenship – Yes
Councilman Honaker – Yes
Councilman Sebastian - Yes**

**Councilman Arnold – Yes
Councilwoman Jones – Yes**

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Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

Mayor's Comments:

- The mayor advised that the part time officer's availability is limited; therefore, the police department has applied for a grant for a full time police officer which would reimburse the city 75% of the salary for three years.
- He and Mr. Vance met with the Highway Department regarding the surplus property. The state will make the property transfer directly to the developers.
- The recreation program started today and it is a well-received program.
- The Mayor ask if any council member would like to volunteer for the cable board for the next three years. Since there were no volunteers, Mayor Turner volunteered to serve on the board.

Upon the motion Councilman Blankenship and seconded by Councilman Arnold to appoint Mayor Turner to serve on the Campbell County Board on an interim position until someone else is selected. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator's Comments:

- He announced that the Solid Waste Bids are due Friday, June 9, at 2:00 and at the June 19th meeting he will present the information to council.
- Mr. Vance and the mayor met with the Highway Department to discuss traffic issues on Kentucky 9/275 Interchange. Discussion ensued regarding this matter.
- Mr. Vance described the Duke Energy Small Business Energy Saver Program and the advantages of it.

Upon the motion Councilman Blankenship and Councilman Honaker to enter into the Duke Energy Small Business Energy Saver Program and take advantage of the lump sum payment in the amount of \$27,035.41 and authorize the Mayor or City Administrator to sign the contract. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Comments:

- Chief Proffitt advised the quarterly fire report was in their books.

Police Chief Comments:

- Invited everyone to attend the annual Kids Fest on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

City Clerk:

- No comment.

Council Comments:

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Councilman Arnold:

- Councilman Arnold ask if there was anything council can do regarding the issues with the interchange.

Mr. Vance stated he can try and meet with the Federal Highway Administration again to discuss some ideas with them.

- Councilman Arnold commended Officer Martin and the police department for going above and beyond the call of duty.
- Councilman Arnold ask for an update on when the roundabout was going to be completed.

Terry said that it is about 40% complete. The project is a little behind. It will take up to 6 to 8 weeks.

- Councilman Arnold voiced his concern with the speed limit on Three Mile Road.

Councilwoman Jones:

- Councilwoman Jones would like to echo Councilman Arnold's comments regarding the police and fire department for their accolades. It makes us feel proud.
- She thanked Mr. Vance for taking almost an hour for answering all of her questions regarding the budget.

Councilman Gilkison:

- Not in attendance.

Councilman Blankenship:

- Councilman Blankenship also questioned the progress with the roundabout.
- He would also like to echo the comments; Kudos to our fire and police departments for keeping our city safe.
- Brack Herald would be glad to get the bus on a Monday night for a city tour.

Councilman Honaker:

- Congratulations to the Police, Fire and City Maintenance for doing a great job.

Councilman Sebastian:

- Councilman Sebastian voiced his concerns about the dead Ash Trees on the side of the rode along John's Hill. Mr. Vance stated he has asked the Highway Department to cut the trees down. The trees are on a list and they will get to them when they can. Mr. Vance will contact them to see if he can get a date of when they will be cut down.
- He also would like to congratulate the police, fire and administration for a job well done.

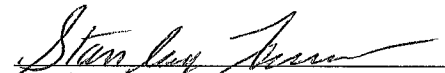
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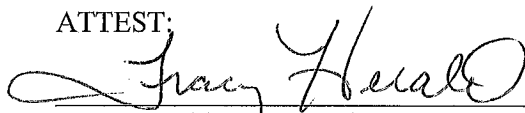
Adjournment:

Upon motion of Councilwoman Jones seconded by Councilman Arnold to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Turner called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Wilder City Council will be held on June 19, 2017.


Stanley Turner – Mayor

ATTEST:


Tracy Herald – City Clerk/Treasurer