

**CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

The Wilmore City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Harold L. Rainwater presiding. Councilmembers present were: Jeff Baier, Andy Bathje, Jim Brumfield, Kim Deyer, Leonard Fitch and David Riel. Attorney Robert L. Gullette III was present  
Not present:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Riel made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Deyer to approve the minutes of October 19, 2020. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**JESSAMINE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Mayor Rainwater stated that he has a meeting with the Jessamine County Library Board and President on November 12 to work through the details and bring back a final proposal to the Council. Councilmember Bathje asked several questions about the internet and the utilities. The Mayor responded that the library would like to set a 2 year time limit on what the costs will be.

**REPLACEMENT FOR BO QUIGG FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

Councilmember Bathje made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Baier to appoint Roger Brock to replace Bo Quigg on the Board of Adjustments. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

**SPEEDING ON KINLAW DRIVE**

Chief Craig addressed the Council and stated that beginning on October 20 and ending on November 2 the police issued 10 stop sign citations, 15 speeding citations, 1 expired registration citation, 1 expired operators license citation and 1 citation for possession of marijuana on different places on Kinlaw Drive.

Mayor Rainwater stated that he has received calls about enhancing police activity in other areas of the city.

Lee Martin asked where they go from here. Mayor Rainwater answered that we are going now with the enhanced patrolling and will keep the intense patrolling on Kinlaw Drive. Angie Martin asked if the city would still consider putting up the stop signs on Kinlaw Drive. Mayor Rainwater said that it would require a community wide meeting to give

everyone in that community a chance to respond to that. But we cannot have that meeting during the Covid-19 pandemic. Angie thanked Chief Craig and his officers for patrolling the area.

Councilmember Bathje reached out to Scott Thompson with the MPO in Fayette and Jessamine County and he sent a report reviewing different traffic mitigation and speed techniques. He encouraged a speed study.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **WATER TOWER PAINTING PROPOSAL**

Dave Carlstedt updated the Council stating the he came before the Council 1 - 1 1/2 years ago with a proposal to paint the Asbury University water tower and the Thomson Hood Veterans water tower. In order to get state funding for capital projects you have to put projects in the system. We did this with the Asbury University water tower many years ago. Someone put a hole in the Thomson Hood Veterans Center tower and when the contractor came in to weld the hole the tower was inspected so we chose to add this water tower to the project profile that they keep in Frankfort. The filing process happens for that every two years. This was the summer that we had to update the project profile. We have been invited to apply for the loan. We may not have to pay the 2% financing for the loan and that we may get partial interest forgiveness. We will probably get a \$370,000 loan for one water tower for 1% financing. It's nearly free money. What it does not encompass is the fact that we need two towers done and secondly the \$370,000 is not current pricing, it was pricing left over from 4 or 5 years ago. It will more than likely be \$430,000 to redo the tower. Dave thinks that we will be able to get all of that financed. Dave has until November 19 to tell them that we want to accept the invitation. The project will be next spring and go into the summer. He would like the freedom to negotiate the amount and he would like to get the full funding for the \$430,000. If not, we do have over \$100,00 in R, R & E.

Councilmember Deyer made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Brumfield to suspend the rules to take action on an emergency action item of new business. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Baier made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Fitch to authorize Dave Carlstedt and Mayor Rainwater to proceed with an application.

Councilmember Riel asked for Lori Vahle to give her opinion on it. Lori stated that things that are crucial and have to be done and that you can get 2% loans for it and interest forgiveness we need to take it when we can get the deal. Councilmember Bathje addressed the issue that it seems common that when we have big projects that hit us we always have it as an emergency action. Dave stated that this is not an emergency and that we have known about this for several years. It is based on the state's timing and their invitation and that we have a filing deadline. Mayor Rainwater stated that it is an emergency item so that we can vote on it tonight. Councilmember Bathje encouraged the Council to continue to be thinking about how are we making sure that there is income generated in order for nest eggs or funds available for these big projects that we have. Mayor Rainwater stated that every 20 years we will have build a water and sewer plant and every 15 - 20 years we will have to paint a water tower. With no further discussion, all members voted aye.

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

### **Finance Director Lori Vahle**

The auditors will give their report at the December 21st meeting.

### **Police Chief Bill Craig**

The Veterans Day Parade is November 7 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Fire Chief Jimmy Powers**

### **Director of Utilities and Public Works - Dave Carlstedt**

Dave has the franchise agreement letter signed by Metronet. They have started working in town and they are having weekly communication with Dave and the Mayor telling them where they are working in town. Davey Resource Group will be working on this project. They think that they will be finished by spring.

### **Director of Facilities & Cemetery- Vince Lewellen**

Vince stated that everyone is in the new building and he still has some items to get out of the old City Hall and the Rice House.

### **Director of Community Development - Judy Woolums**

New trees have been planted at the Downtown Green which is from the Planet Grant that we got from Louisville Gas and Electric. She thanked Amy Fitch for helping out with removing a tree with Parks and Recreation funds.

### **Director of Parks and Recreation – Amy Fitch**

Amy reminded everyone that the Veterans Day Parade is on November 7. Lineup will be at 9:30 a.m.

## **MAYOR COMMENTS**

## **COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS**

## **ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GUEST SPEAKERS**

**REPORTS FROM THE FLOOR**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Councilmember Deyer made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Brumfield to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) to discuss 3 surplus properties. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Deyer made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Brumfield to come out of closed session at 7:35.

Attorney Gullette announced that a decision had not been made relative to the requested proposals. He stated that it speaks volumes to how good these proposals were. They Mayor will reach out to some of the top proposals. The Council would like to express their gratitude to the those who made the proposals for wanting to invest in Wilmore. We should be able to make a decision in two weeks.

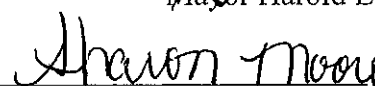
Motion by Councilmember Brumfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

  
Mayor Harold L. Rainwater

**ATTEST:**

  
Sharon Moore, City Clerk