

CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES
May 3, 2021

The Wilmore City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Harold L. Rainwater presiding. Councilmembers present were: Andy Bathje, Jim Brumfield, Kim Deyer, Leonard Fitch and David Riel.
Attorney Robert L. Gullette III was present
Not present: Councilmember Jeff Baier

MAYOR REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Bathje made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Deyer to approve the minutes of April 19, 2021. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

BELLEVUE EXTENSION

Councilmember Bathje discussed that Mayor Rainwater and Councilmember Bathje spoke and decided that the best procedure may be to have one meeting on June 7th where folks in that community can come and give their thoughts and concerns about a potential path from the extension to Bellevue Avenue. A letter will be sent to the other Bellevue residents that may want to make comments. Leo Castro made contact with Councilmember Bathje after the April 19th council meeting. He was able to view the meeting from the council meeting video that is now available and he did not feel that Councilmember Bathje fully expressed his concerns. Councilmember Bathje spoke briefly on the matter during the April 19th council meeting. Councilmember Bathje was hoping that the letter or proposal that we are doing will be addressing the concerns of nearby land owners and how we will design the pathway. Leo Castro did not feel that Councilmember Bathje fully expressed his concerns so he sent an email to Councilmember Bathje that was shared with the Mayor and the Councilmembers so that they could get a more direct sense of Mr. Castro's concerns as a homeowner in that area. Mayor Rainwater invited Mr. Castro to the June 7th meeting.

ORDINANCE 2021-5 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE RATE FOR FEES ASSESSED BY THE KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY (KRA) SECOND READING

Councilmember Brumfield made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Riel to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-5. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

PROPERTY TAX LIENS

This agenda item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

2021-2022 NEW FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Finance Director Lori Vahle discussed the 2021-2022 new fiscal year budget.

The 2021-2022 budget encompasses the City's goal to maintain sufficient revenue to provide high quality services to our citizens. In a time of moderate economic growth the Mayor and the Council are constantly considering what costs can be reduced, what services are essential, and exploring opportunities for adding revenue.

The 2021-2022 revenues anticipates a 1% increase in insurance premium tax fees, the loss of revenue from Jessamine County Fiscal Court for DARE, Fire, Parks & Recreation, and Community Development (25K), and a 2% increase in water and sewer rates.

The 2021-2022 expenses funds a 12% increase in retirement contributions, a 2% raise increase in dental insurance, a 2% cost of living increase for all employees, a loan payment for the dump truck, snow plow/salt spreader (payoff is 6/22), the payment of USDA loans for WWTP, start up costs for the new Bill Davidson Historical Center, purchase of a new cemetery mower, purchase of new Utilities truck, and water lines capital project.

Dave Carlstedt asked if the Council would give a head nod to support the amended and new budget. The Council gave a head nod.

2020-2021 AMENDED BUDGET

Finance Director Lori Vahle discussed some of the biggest differences between the original and the amended budget. The first one under revenues is the selling of the 3 city buildings and the city received \$389,000 in CARES money. The second one under general administration expenses were the expenses of the new building, appraisals for the new building, security system, utility expenses, the granary project, HVAC for the new building, a new fireproof cabinet, sealing of the parking lot, new boiler system, JAWS of Life, new mower, and storage boxes for Fire Department.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Finance Director Lori Vahle stated that the medical health insurance decreased, dental insurance went up 2% and workers comp property and liability decreased.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT ACCEPTANCE LETTER

Lori Vahle will send a copy of the letter to all of the Councilmembers.

RESOLUTION 2021-1 MUNICIPAL ROAD AID COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Councilmembers Bathje made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Deyer to authorize the Mayor to sign the Municipal Road Aid Copperative Program Agreement which is to accept \$74,864.08 from the state. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Finance Director Lori Vahle

Police Chief Bill Craig

Fire Chief Jimmy Powers

Director of Utilities and Public Works - Dave Carlstedt

The granary project needs more roof work than expected. After the architects have taken their pictures, it looks like the entire project is going to be a roofing project. We do not know what that number is. The architects asked Dave for an authorization to engage the contractor to figure out what that number should be. The Mayor will have the authoirization to sign the change order when it comes. We are hoping that we can get the roof replaced with the money that we already have.

Dirctor of Facilities & Cemetery- Vince Lewellen

Director of Community Development - Judy Woolums

Director of Parks and Recreation – Amy Fitch

Things are going well with rentals. There are new programs. One is Trapeze Yoga. Summer Rec is full.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilmember Bathje asked the Mayor about what is happening with 501 E. Main St. after the fire. Mayor Rainwater stated that we had a meeting today with as many principals as we could and we are trying to be as gentle and affirming as we can be but it needs to be resolved.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Rainwater circulated a letter today about the use of our building. The Mayor

welcomes the Councils feedback on whether we are actually competing with other people on our building because we are renting our building.

Councilmember Bathje is curious if other governments rent facilities. Attorney Gullette stated that Nicholasville has multiple facilities that they rent to people. Jessamine County also has multiple facilities that they rent to people. This is very common for governments to do.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

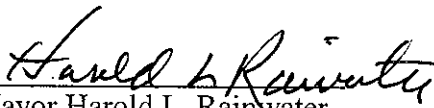
REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

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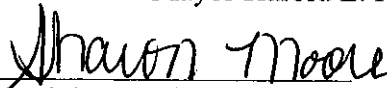
Motion by Councilmember Brumfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PRESIDING OFFICER:


Mayor Harold L. Rainwater

ATTEST:


Sharon Moore, City Clerk