

**CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2023**

The Wilmore City Council met in a regular session on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Harold L. Rainwater presiding. Council members present were: Andy Bathje, Jim Brumfield, Kim Deyer, Leonard Fitch, Wes Metcalfe and David Riel.

Attorney Robert L. Gullette III was present.

Not present:

**MAYOR REPORT/PRESENTATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Deyer made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Metcalfe to approve the minutes of April 3, 2023. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MAIN STREET PROJECT UPDATE**

Mayor Rainwater talked with Jason Banks from Banks Engineering and he said he is working on some plans to bring to the council. Jason will give us some preliminary numbers. We still have the \$250,000 that we have earmarked for the project.

Councilmember Deyer visited Danville because they are renovating their Main Street.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2023-2024**

Finance Director Lori Vahle presented the proposed budget to the Mayor and the Council.

**Revenues**

Anticipates a 2% increase in water & sewer rates.

Anticipates a donation from AU, ATS, etc for the fire truck purchase.

Proposes an increase in garbage rates to help offset the losses we absorb every year.

**Expenses**

Funds a 4% rate increase in medical insurance.

Funds a 5% cost of living increase for all employees.

Funds increase in police starting salary from \$18/hour to \$20/hour.

Funds increase in starting salary from \$14/hour to \$15/hour.  
Funds a 6.5% increase for property/liability/work com insurance.  
Funds the payment of the USDA loans for WWTP.  
Funds the payment on the KIA loans for the Water Tower Painting.  
Funds additional costs for the new History Center – 10K requested in prior year and an additional 3K requested.  
Funds landscaping at the N. Lexington Ave. entry island (5K).  
Funds the purchase of a new bridge at Centennial Park (12K).  
Funds the migration of our utility, general ledger, and payroll software to the Cloud for added security and the addition of a purchase order module (48K).  
Funds purchase of a new truck for Utilities (35K) carried over from FY23.  
Funds purchase of a new truck for Public Works (35K).  
Funds installation of High Bridge Master Meter (13K).  
Funds fire truck loan (138K).  
Funds to revamp website (15K-20K).  
Funds sidewalk project out of Municipal Road Aid (300K).  
Funds a portion of the remodel of old JC jail building (10K).  
Funds Phase 2 of the CDBG Granary Project match (200K) using ARPA funds.  
Funds Downtown Renovations for trees/planters/electrical/lighting (250K) using ARPA funds.  
Funds parking improvements in rear of Municipal Center (70K) using ARPA funds.  
Funds Fitch's/Dollar General Sewer Project (300K) using Beshear/State Funds.

Mayor Rainwater and the Councilmembers discussed the items that Lori presented. There was a long discussion about the sanitation budget.

### **AMENDED BUDGET 2022-2023**

The fire truck purchase was the item that made the numbers terrible, but we did get a loan for it. There were some projects that did not happen this year and got moved from last year to the new year.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

It will be a 4% increase.

### **MUNICIPAL ROAD AID – RESOLUTION 2023-2**

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

Councilmember Deyer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Riel to authorize the Mayor to disburse the funds of \$79,970.88 and to enter into an agreement with the State and the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Historical Room already has a \$10,000 budget from last year, but they are asking for an additional \$6,000 for the new budget.

More Tales budget was \$3,500 and they are asking for an additional \$1,500 for this year's budget. They have already received a \$5,000 grant which will be used to approach another local business for a matching grant.

The Flower Sale is May 6<sup>th</sup> and the Coaster Car Derby is May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Director Lori Vahle

Police Chief Bill Craig

Fire Chief Jimmy Powers

Director of Utilities and Public Works - Dave Carlstedt

Director of Facilities & Cemetery- Vince Lewellen

The Jessamine County Library is working on opening up from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Director of Community Development - Judy Woolums

Tammy Goble has asked to remove the mud from the light pole beds. The city removed the dirt and put decorative rocks. The flower baskets are coming next week.

Director of Parks and Recreation – Amy Fitch

There will be teen programs for the summer. There will be a teen kick ball league on Monday nights at the softball field. There will be outdoor volleyball for teens and adults.

**COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS**

Councilmember Riel asked PW/Utilities Supervisor Jeff Moberly for an update on the Bellevue Extension. Jeff met with Gary Hager and Dave Carlstedt and they are going to start working on it soon.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Brady Nesfell is filming a Sony movie in May in Wilmore. We will see camera crews at different places in town.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GUEST SPEAKERS**

**REPORTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Christopher Ashley is having issues with dogs barking at 112 Hinkle Street. The Police have been called numerous times. Chief Craig said that if the dogs are not barking when they arrive they cannot do anything. If a complaint is signed and they will go to court with the police, then they can do something about it. Christopher said he will have a web camera pointed at the yard of the barking dogs.

Motion by Councilmember Brumfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PRESIDING OFFICER: Harold L. Rainwater  
Mayor Harold L. Rainwater

ATTEST: Sharon Moore  
Sharon Moore, City Clerk