

CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES
March 6, 2023

The Wilmore City Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 6, 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

REPORT ON THE CLEANER WATER PROGRAM CHECK FROM GOVERNOR BESHEAR

Sharon Moore presented a check to the Mayor and Council for \$321,892 from Governor Beshear for the Waste Water Collection System Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project. She accepted the check from Governor Beshear on February 17th.

Jeff James came to thank Mayor Rainwater, Council, city employees Fire Department and Police Department on the excellent job during Asbury University's Revival. Everyone provided an attitude of patience and persistence while holding a welcoming posture and maintained a sturdy, serious stance concerning order and well-being.

The Fire Department brought the new fire truck to the meeting.

We have been receiving money to help with the costs of Asbury Revival.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Deyer made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Riel to approve the minutes of February 6, 2023. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

PATRICK FORD – ROSEGLADE FARM

Patrick Ford came before the Mayor and the Council to discuss Roseglade Farm. He made an offer on part of the property, which has been accepted. The deal is contingent on getting the Development Plan that has been approved and he needs to get a copy of it. At the last meeting, Attorney Gullette advised Mr. Ford to look at 17CI-158. Mr. Ford looked at it but could not find the Development Plan. His deadline on the property is April 1st or the deal is off. Planning and Zoning does not have a copy of it either. He is asking the Council to expedite this so he can get a copy of the Development Plan. Attorney Gullette advised Mr. Ford to dig a little deeper in the

17CI-158 because the Development Plan is in there. Attorney Gullette advised Mr. Ford to seek legal counsel to help him. Councilmember Bathje asked for more information on what he plans to do with the land. Mr. Ford will use the front for a Veterinary Clinic. Councilmember Bathje asked the City Council and city leadership to assist Mr. Ford so we can have a change of ownership and have a business on this land. After a brief discussion, Attorney Gullette advised Mr. Ford to go to the Planning and Zoning Joint Planning Commission to get the Development Plan. Mayor Rainwater asked Mr. Ford to bring his attorney and the city will have a meeting with our attorney as well.

BELLEVUE EXTENSION UPDATE

Councilmember Riel discussed the options that we had discussed at an earlier meeting. He asked Dave Carlstedt about it and what the progress was on it and Dave stated that the Council had not approved it. Councilmember Riel asked what we need to do to get the walkway opened up. After a brief discussion, Mayor Rainwater asked this to be a non-action item tonight. He would like for the councilmembers to go and look at it and discuss it at the next meeting.

RFQ RECOMMENDATION FOR MAIN STREET RENOVATION PROJECT

Councilmember Riel made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bathje to secure a contract with Banks Engineering to develop a Main Street Renovation for Phase One that was the recommendation from the committee. After a brief discussion on the 2 phases, all members voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

R, R & E REQUEST (WWTP ELECTRICAL REPAIRS WITH FAUST ELECTRIC) \$35,000

Dave Carlstedt requested \$35,000 from R, R & E. Attorney Gullette stated that it is a problem because you have to bid for anything over \$30,000. Dave Carlstedt said it was not a problem because the \$29,871 is for Faust Electric, the \$35,000 is the request from R, R, & E expenditures. The city is not accepting the work for Faust Electric proposal. We are throwing in kind work and buying materials so that his price will be underneath the \$30,000. Carlstedt stated again that it is not a problem for the city to accept Faust Electric's Proposal for less than \$30,000. The \$35,000 is money that the city is giving to city employees to pay for materials and anything related to excavation. Attorney Gullette asked Dave to clarify that no additional funds go to Faust Electric. Dave clarified that is the case.

The Mayor clarified that Dave is asking for 2 pieces: a). approval of a proposed contract from Faust Electric for \$29,871 and b) funds up to \$35,000 from R, R & E for the remaining parts of that project.

Dave stated that this is not a bid, we are simply hiring a company that we have been doing work with for 40 years. Attorney Gullette stated that he reached out to KLC and KLC and Attorney Gullette have concerns about not bidding a project that costs \$30,000. Dave stated in the

proposal that it clearly states that the city will not pay for certain things. He also stated that it is getting harder and harder to keep projects under the \$30,000 threshold. Dave stated that we could wait until it breaks and then the Mayor can declare it an emergency and then we do not have to abide by the \$30,000 at all. We are trying to stay at the front end of something that is a significant problems for us.

Councilmember Riel stated that in the proposal it states that “due to the fluctuation in prices of material needed for this job that this is being quoted, we reserve the right to adjust the price at time of material procurement”. Carlstedt replied that this is canned language. Faust Electric is very aware of the \$30,000 threshold.

Councilmember Deyer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bathje 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 Bathje to approve the \$29,871 for improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Deyer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Metcalfe to authorize the Mayor to sign off on \$35,000 from R, R & E. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

Dave Carlstedt let the Council know that there is only \$66,000 in the entire fund. R, R & E is only used for capital projects in water and sewer and it is only funded by the tap fees and only 85% of the tap fees of the new construction. He just requested \$35,000 of that money.

PAVING PROJECT FOR STREETS

There is \$277,000 in the Municipal State Aid Fund. The Mayor stated that we cannot do all of the streets in Wilmore. The Mayor asked Dave Carlstedt to take a survey of the most urgent streets that need work and bring back a recommendation to the Council.

Finance Director Lori Vahle

Police Chief Bill Craig

Fire Chief Jimmy Powers

The new fire truck is here for anyone to look at after the meeting.

Director of Utilities and Public Works - Dave Carlstedt

Director of Facilities & Cemetery- Vince Lewellen

Director of Community Development - Judy Woolums

Director of Parks and Recreation – Amy Fitch

The Easter Egg and the Hometown Talent Show are coming up.
The Girls Volleyball league is at 11 teams.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilmember Deyer asked if the work at Asbury University is almost finished and that questions about the noise have been dealt with.

Councilmember Bathje received a phone from a lady in Nevada that had seen things about the Asbury Revival, and he prayed with her.

MAYOR COMMENTS

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Gulette presented a check for \$6,600 for delinquent property taxes and a check for \$4,500 for the razing of Leona Hart's property on Wood Street.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

REPORTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jonathan Carmen thanked the city for how they handled the Asbury Revival.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

ATTEST: Sharon Moore
Sharon Moore, City Clerk