

CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES
April 3, 2023

The Wilmore City Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 3, 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

Arts Tourism Initiative

Executive Director of Nicholasville/ Wilmore/ Jessamine County Joint Tourism Commission Charla Reed updated the Mayor and Council on what new things that the Tourism Commission is doing. Some of the new are a new logo, updating the front part of the new jail, advertising for all of the concerts and different events in Jessamine County. They are also going to be taking pictures and videos of different places in Jessamine County on May 12th.

She discussed a 3D Chalk artist that would come and paint murals in different places in Jessamin County to make us unique so people will want to come and visit us. There will be a soft opening in the fall and she would like for it to be introduced in Wilmore at our Arts and Crafts Festival and do Chalk the Sidewalks with the artist doing the install somewhere in our town. The investment for us would be \$3,000-\$5000 for one of the artist drawings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Deyer made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Riel to approve the minutes of March 20, 2023. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

BELLEVUE EXTENSION UPDATE

Councilmember Bathje addressed the council with the original proposal to take advantage of a pedestrian right of way.

After a discussion on the issues that were already discussed at a previous meeting, Councilmember Bathje made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brumfield to open the fence to allow only a pedestrian bicycle accessible 5ft wide pathway in the right of way up to \$5,000. After much discussion, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Brumfield asked Councilmember Bathje what the plans were for the size of the pathway referring to the drawings that were provided by Councilmember Bathje from Banks Engineering. Councilmember Bathje said that it would be a 5ft wide asphalt pathway to the right

of the tree. He stated that the project would be about \$3,000. The asphalt would be about \$1900. Councilmember Deyer asked if Banks Engineering was on retainer with us and the Mayor said they were not. Councilmember Bathje responded that they offered to provide the drawings for free. Councilmember Deyer stated that she has a problem with reaching out to professional firms and asking them to do things for us for free. She feels like the council should make this decision together. Councilmember Bathje apologized but thought that the drawings would be helpful. Councilmember Riel asked to clarify the motion and Attorney Gullette said the motion did not include the spending of any money. Councilmember Riel said he was fine with that. Mayor Rainwater asked to have a directive of what the Council would like to do. Attorney Gullette said that we would need to authorize the spending of those funds. Councilmember Bathje said it would be less than \$3,000. Councilmember Deyer asked for an itemized description on paper to let us know how much it would be. Dave Carlstedt asked for \$5,000 and that it did not need to have an itemized description. Dave Carlstedt said that it is not an easement it is a right of way.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Director of Community Development - Judy Woolums

Director of Parks and Recreation – Amy Fitch

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilmember Brumfield asked Charla Reed to let us know how Wilmore has benefited from the Tourism Commission at some point in time. Charla said she would be happy to do that.

Mayor Rainwater announced that we did not get the congressional one million dollar commitment from Andy Barr's office. We were too early in the game and we did not have a plan. The Mayor and Finance Director Lori Vahle met and decided that they would move funds around and take \$250,000 of city funds but it still did not make the cut. We are going to appeal it now that we are now eligible.

During the County Wide Cleanup we had 27 roll off loads of trash just from Wilmore.

MAYOR COMMENTS

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

REPORTS FROM THE FLOOR

Motion by Councilmember Brumfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ATTEST: Sharon Moore
Sharon Moore, City Clerk