

**CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2024**

The Wilmore City Council met for a regular session Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Harold L. Rainwater presiding. Council members present were Leonard Fitch, Jim Brumfield, Kim Deyer, David Riel, Andy Bathje, Wes Metcalfe and Attorney Robert Gullette, Jr.

MAYOR REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Deyer made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Riel, to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2024. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Dale Shunk presented information about obtaining solar panels for the Dan Glass Pavilion. He stated the project would require eighty solar panels at a cost of \$800 each. He stated the power from the panels would help power the Wilmore Municipal Center and reduce the annual electric bill by 17%. He also presented suggestions for fundraising to finance the project. Mayor Rainwater asked Mr. Shunk to return to the April 1, 2024, meeting to give the council members time to review his information.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Brumfield started the discussion to outsource solid waste services. He stated that after reviewing bids, the Solid Waste Committee recommended the city outsource solid waste services and recommended contracting with Republic Services. He stated Republic Services was recommended based on the price for residential customers as well as commercial customers. Councilmember Brumfield made the motion to approve the outsource for solid waste services and to contract Republic Services, seconded by Councilmember Deyer. After questions from the council and the floor, Councilmember Brumfield requested a roll call for the motion. All members voted aye.

Mayor Rainwater started the discussion concerning city-wide or subscription recycling. Councilmember Brumfield stated he recommended subscription recycling which offers our customers the option to pay an additional fee for recycling, seconded by Councilmember Metcalfe. After questions and a discussion including Dave Carlstedt and Todd Preher with Republic Services, Mayor Rainwater requested a roll call for the motion. Councilmember Bathje voted no. All other members voted aye.

REPORTS FROM THE FLOOR

REPORTS FROM THE STAFF

Finance Director Lori Vahle

Police Chief Nelson ShROUT - reported Administrative Assistant Kim Stewart is leaving the Wilmore Police Department. They are currently interviewing to fill her position. Mayor Rainwater stated the hours for her position are being reduced from 40 hours weekly to 30 hours, and the pay will be reduced.

Fire Chief Jimmy Powers – requested permission to declare the ladder truck surplus. Councilmember Brumfield made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Riel, to declare the truck surplus. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

Director of Utilities and Public Works Dave Carlstedt

Director of Facilities and Cemetery Vince Lewellen

Director of Community Development Judy Woolums

Director of Parks and Recreation Amy Fitch – The annual Easter Egg hunt is Saturday, March 29, 2024. She also stated she was excited about adding solar panels to the pavilion.


COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

Motion by Councilmember Brumfield to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PRESIDING OFFICER: 
Mayor Harold L. Rainwater

ATTEST: 
City Clerk Donna Back