

CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES

February 3, 2025

The Wilmore City Council convened for a regular session on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Harold Rainwater presiding. Present were Councilmembers Leonard Fitch, Jim Brumfield, David Riel, Andy Bathje, Wes Metcalfe, Sharon Moore, and City Attorney Bobby Gullette, Jr.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rainwater welcomed Sharon Moore as the newest Councilmember and appointed Councilmember Bathje to the Natural Resource Committee and as a representative for small cities within the Bluegrass Area Development District. Councilmember Brumfield was appointed to the Jessamine County-Wilmore Plan Update Committee. Jeff Moberly was appointed to the Wilmore-Jessamine County Planning and Zoning Board. All accepted their respective roles.

He reported that a Wilmore Granary Pre-Construction Meeting was held on January 30 at the Municipal Center, with work set to begin the week of March 24. The Main Street Improvement Project will commence as soon as the weather permits, with efforts made to minimize disruptions to local businesses.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Bathje, to approve the minutes of December 16, 2024, and the Special Meeting of December 23, 2024. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

New Business

Jeremy Young of the Jessamine County Joint Planning Commission discussed Wesley Village's planned expansion, noting revisions may still be made. The project will be reviewed at the Planning Commission's March 11, 2025, meeting. Resident Lee Anna Disponette expressed concerns about the expansion.

Supervisor of Public Works and Utilities Jeff Moberly requested that the council approve the sale of three surplus vehicles in his fleet. Councilmember Riel made the motion seconded by Councilmember Metcalfe to approve the sale of the surplus vehicles. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

Attorney Bobby Gullette presented a conceptual plan from Patrick Ford regarding the Roseglade Farm property. The council expressed a willingness to consider a revised development plan.

Mayor Rainwater announced updates to the Wilmore Employee Manual, including the implementation of a random employee drug testing program.

Council and Staff Reports

Fire Department – Chief Josh Day

Chief Day proposed the purchase of a 2005 Pierce Fire Engine to enhance storage and improve Wilmore’s ISO rating. Councilmember Riel moved, seconded by Councilmember Moore, to allocate \$35,000 in impact fees for the purchase. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilmember Bathje opposing.

Community Development – Director Judy Woolums

Director Woolums announced updates to the Community Development Board’s bylaws and introduced new board members: Allison Clour, Bradley Cochran, and Nick Johnson. Sharon Moore will represent the City Council on the board.

Parks and Recreation – Director Amy Fitch

Director Fitch outlined upcoming major expenses related to Wilmore’s parks and Simms Ball Field. She requested approval of a one-year lease for Brian and Rebecca Nutter to operate a martial arts training school, which was approved without objection.

She also presented details on a proposed splash pad. Following discussion, Councilmember Riel moved, seconded by Councilmember Moore, to allocate \$150,000 in ARPA funds donated by Jessamine County for its construction. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilmember Brumfield opposing.

Facilities and Cemetery – Director Vince Lewellen

Director Lewellen presented the 2024 Annual Cemetery Report and provided updates on daily operations of the Municipal Center. He announced that the Wilmore History Room will open on July 4, 2025.

Adjournment

Councilmember Brumfield moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Presiding Officer:

Harold Rainwater, Mayor

Attest:

Donna Back, City Clerk