

CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES

April 7, 2025

The Wilmore City Council convened for a regular session on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Harold Rainwater presiding. Present were Councilmembers Leonard Fitch, Jim Brumfield, David Riel, Wes Metcalfe, Sharon Moore, and City Attorney Bobby Gullette, Jr.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Riel moved, seconded by Councilmember Brumfield, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2025, and March 17, 2025. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

Old Business

Dale Shunk provided an update regarding received donations and encouraged continued contributions from both the City Council and the public.

Mike Jacobs and Nick Howard of GRW Engineers presented an update on the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. They reviewed three possible approaches for repairing and replacing segments of the sanitary sewer and stormwater drainage systems. After discussing the merits and challenges of each option, Option 1 was identified as the least disruptive to downtown businesses.

The City has secured \$647,000 in funding from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA), but an additional \$95,910 will be required to complete the preferred option. Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Metcalfe, to authorize GRW to proceed with Option 1. The motion passed unanimously among those present.

Note: Councilmember Riel exited the meeting at 6:45 p.m., prior to the vote.

New Business

Fire Chief Josh Day and Assistant Chief Mike Ledford informed the Council of emergency evacuations conducted on Dix Drive during flooding caused by heavy rainfall on April 5. A total of 24 residents were safely evacuated.

Chief Day also reported the recent acquisition of a **swift water rescue boat** to enhance emergency response capabilities. Assistant Chief Ledford proposed that the city adopt **NFPA 1 – Fire Code** to enhance safety and code compliance within the community.

Staff Reports

Jeff Moberly provided an overview of daily operations for Public Works, Distribution, and Collection. He also shared updates on two major projects:

- **Main Street Improvement Project** is scheduled to begin April 28, 2025, with completion expected by mid-September 2025.
- **Granary Restoration Project – Phase II** will also commence on April 28, with a targeted completion date of **July 14, 2025**.

James Zwiefel reported on the recent flooding of the Kentucky River following 7.1 inches of rainfall over four days. He explained the preventive measures taken to protect the city's water infrastructure. By temporarily shutting down the intake power and switching to the reservoir supply, the city avoided damage to its electrical systems.

Adjournment

Councilmember Brumfield moved to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Presiding Officer: Harold L. Rainwater
Harold Rainwater, Mayor

Attest: Donna Back
Donna Back, City Clerk