

CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES

December 15, 2025

The Wilmore City Council convened for a regular session on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Harold Rainwater presiding. Present were Councilmembers Jim Brumfield, Andy Bathje, Wes Metcalfe, Sharon Moore, and City Attorney Robert Gullette, III.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Bathje, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

Mayor's Report

Old Business

ORDINANCE 2025-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 423-94 RELATING TO THE CITY OF WILMORE CODE OF ETHICS REVISING THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT APPLICABLE TO CITY OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND CITY AGENCIES; AND DEFINING THE AUTHORITY, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY ETHICS BOARD 1st Reading –Attorney Bobby Gullette Jr. presented options for the revision and asked for the council's input before drafting the ordinance.

New Business

FY2025 Audit Presentation – Kevin Fischer Partner w/RFH CPA's/Consultants presented the audit reviewing their findings and opinion. The opinion states that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the government activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information. Thanks to the City Finance Director, Lori Vahle, and all the department heads, the city ended in the black with a strong balance sheet to preserve the ongoing operations of the city. Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Bathje, to accept the FY2025 Audit report.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WILMORE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 1.8 RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS – Christopher Montgomery Deputy Director/Interim Director Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Planning and Zoning presented the mayor and council the changes in the ordinance. Councilmember Metcalfe moved, seconded by Councilmember Brumfield, to approve the changes. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

Request to submit a TAP Grant for the final design of KY29 Trail – Amy Fitch Wilmore Parks and Recreation Director presented a proposal for the next phase of the Wilmore Trail design. The total cost of the next design phase is \$400,000. The Transportation Alternatives Grant Program would contribute 80% of the total funds necessary if applied for and awarded.

The city would be responsible for the remaining 20% of the project design phase which would not exceed \$80,000. After some discussion, the council asked to table the request until the January 5, 2026 when Scott Thompson, Senior Transportation Planner at Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government would present the council with more information.

Councilmember Brumfield made the motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Presiding Officer: Harold Ramwater
Harold Ramwater, Mayor

Attest: Donna Back
Donna Back, City Clerk