

CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES

January 5, 2026

The Wilmore City Council convened for a regular session on Monday, January 5, 2026, 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 Robert Gullette, III.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Riel, to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

Mayor's Report

New Business

RESOLUTION 2026-1- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILMORE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE INFRASTRUCTURE REVOLVING FUND (FUND B – STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM) AND DESIGNATING THE MAYOR AS THE OFFICIAL PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE-
Mayor Rainwater requested authorization from the council to apply for financial assistance for the Main Street/Lexington Avenue sewer project. Councilmember Moore moved, seconded by Councilmember Riel, to approve Mayor Rainwater's application for assistance and be the official project representative. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

Old Business

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WILMORE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 1.8 RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS 2nd Reading – 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 Bathje moved, seconded by Councilmember Moore, 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 – Andy Bathje, Wilmore City Councilmember, presented a proposal for the next phase of the Wilmore Trail design. The total cost of the final design phase is estimated at \$400,000. If awarded, the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant would fund 80 percent of the project cost, with the City responsible for the remaining 20 percent, not to exceed \$80,000.

Councilmember Bathje provided an overview of the request. Scott Thompson, Senior Transportation Planner with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, addressed Council and answered questions regarding the TAP grant process and how challenges in similar projects had been addressed in the past.

Following discussion, Councilmember Bathje made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Riel, to approve funding of up to \$80,000 if needed for the City's portion of the design phase. Mayor Rainwater requested a roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Riel, Councilmember Bathje

Voting Nay: Councilmember Fitch, Councilmember Brumfield, Councilmember Metcalfe, Councilmember Moore

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 DEFINIING THE AUTHORITY, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILTIES OF THE CITY EHTHICS BOARD 1st Reading – Attorney Robert Gullette Jr. stated that the ordinance number should be changed to 2026-1, he also stated the council had not had time to review and requested the vote be tabled until the February 2, 2026 meeting to give the council time to review and add input. Councilmember Bathje moved, seconded by Councilmember Moore, to table the vote until the next council meeting. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

Councilmember Brumfield made the motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Presiding Officer: Harold Rainwater
Harold Rainwater, Mayor

Attest: Donna Back
Donna Back, City Clerk