

CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES

July 6, 2026

The Wilmore City Council convened a regular session on Monday July 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Harold Rainwater presiding. Present were Councilmembers Jim Brumfield, Leonard Fitch, Andy Bathje, Wes Metcalfe, Sharon Moore and City Attorney Robert Gullette, Jr.

Mayor's Report & Presentations

Mayor Rainwater presented the Hometown Proud Award to Abby Rexford in recognition of her accomplishments as a Wichita State Division I student-athlete, entrepreneur, community leader, and Miss Wichita Asian Association. Ms. Rexford grew up in Wilmore and is a graduate of West Jessamine High School.

Devon Marks updated the council on the Ginko Galore Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2026. He informed the council that the festival will include arts, music, a 5K run, and activities for children. He said any proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Jessamine County.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Bathje, to approve the minutes of June 15, 2026. There was no discussion. All members voted aye.

Old Business

Revision to Section 7.1 of the City of Wilmore Zoning Ordinance relating to amending the Fee Schedule 2nd Reading - Christopher Montgomery Director of Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Planning and Zoning. Councilmember Moore moved, seconded by Councilmember Brumfield to approve the 2nd reading. There was no discussion. All members voted aye.

Text Amendment – Proposed Revisions to the City of Wilmore Zoning Ordinance relating to Manufactured Homes for compliance with KRS 100.348 2nd Reading– Christopher Montgomery Director of Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Planning and Zoning. Councilmember Moore moved, seconded by Councilmember Brumfield to approve the 2nd reading. There was no discussion. All members voted aye.

JCZO Section 3.210(D) Proposed Revisions to the City of Wilmore Zoning Ordinance relating to the 200' setback off US 27, KY 29, and US 68 2nd Reading– Christopher Montgomery Director of Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Planning and Zoning. Councilmember Moore moved, seconded by Councilmember Brumfield to approve the 2nd reading. There was no discussion. All members voted aye.

New Business

ORDINANCE 2026-6 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE INCREASING WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES 1st Reading-Lori Vahle Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve the 1st reading. There was no discussion. All members voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2026-7 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE INCREASING HIGH BRIDGE WATER RATES-
Lori Vahle Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve the 1st reading. There was no discussion. All members voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2026-8 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE INCREASING SOUTHEAST COUNTY WATER RATES-
Lori Vahle Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve the 1st reading. There was no discussion. All members voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2026-9- AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE ORDINANCE 2023-7 ADOPTING AND ENACTING A COMPREHENSIVE PAY PLAN FOR THE NON-ELECTED CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WILMORE IN ACCORDANCE WITH KRS 83A.070(2) 1st Reading –
Lori Vahle Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Metcalfe to approve the 1st reading. There was no discussion. All members voted aye.

Proposal From Hager Construction for Sewer Plant Gabion Basket Project – Chris Reeves & Jeff Moberly - Chris Reeves explained as a result of the June 27, 2026, rainstorm, the town branch undercut the parking lot at the sewer plant causing extensive damage. Hager Construction Company can repair it by adding Gabion baskets for \$16, 450.00. Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmembers Fitch and Metcalfe to approve the release of \$16, 450.00 of RR&E funds for the repair. There was no discussion. All members voted aye.

Hager Construction River Road Repair Project – Chris Reeves & Jeff Moberly – Chris Reeves reported the river road leading to Wilmore’s water pumps was washed out as a result of the June 27, 2026. Hager Construction Company can repair it for \$27,000.00. Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmembers Fitch and Metcalfe to approve the release of \$27,000 of RR&E funds for the repair. There was no discussion. All members voted aye.

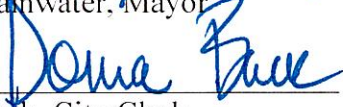
Parking Appeals Committee – Chief Nelson ShROUT Chief ShROUT informed the council that he and Mayor Rainwater had appointed the following for the appeals committee, Jeff Moberly, Wes Metcalfe, Dwight Winter, Denise Adams, and Eric Walsh.

New System for Reporting Code Violation Complaints – Nelson ShROUT Chief ShROUT explained that the Police Department has implemented a new system for reporting code violations. A designated complaint form must be completed and signed by the complainant. The form may be picked up at the Wilmore Municipal Center or obtained from Wilmore.org.

Councilmember Brumfield moved to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Presiding Officer: 
Harold Rainwater, Mayor

Attest: 
Donna Back, City Clerk