

**CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2020**

The Wilmore City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Harold L. Rainwater presiding. Councilmembers present were: Jeff Baier, Andy Bathje, Jim Brumfield, Kim Deyer, Leonard Fitch and David Riel..

Attorney Robert L. Gullette III was present

Not present:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Deyer moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Councilmember Riel with the following correction: minutes should read. Councilmember Riel stated the he did not think the Council should be deciding on individuals and whether or not they should be renting or not renting the building but instead establishing the policies, procedures and processes for renting the building. There being no further discussion, all members voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 7-20 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A PROPERTY TAX ON REAL AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF WILMORE (FIRST READING)

Finance Director Lori Vahle called the Kentucky League of Cities and asked them to clarify the different property rates and when we need a public hearing for the different rates. The representative from KLC explained that in this situation our compensating rate was lower than last years rate than our substitute rate can become our compensating rate. This means that if we go with the substitute rate we do not have to have a public hearing. If we choose the 4% rate will have to have a public hearing. Attorney Gullette stated that we can choose a rate that is up to 4% without having a voter recall.

Councilmember Bathje made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Deyer to go with the 4% rate increase for the first reading of Ordinance 7-20.

Councilmember Brumfield stated that in 2018 the calculations said that we were going to get \$417,500 and we received \$461,000. In 2019 the calculations said that we would receive \$442,000 and we received \$484,000. We always seem to get \$40,000 more than what has been projected. He is going to guess that property values did not go down and they stayed the same, so we will probably get what we got last year which was \$484,000. He stated that the projections that we get are grossly understated every year so he will not vote for the 4% rate increase.

Councilmember Bathje asked Lori Vahle what fund property tax goes into and she stated

that it goes into the General budget so it does not have as many limitations as the Utility budget. Bathje stated that with the new building we will have more expenses so he feels that we need to go with the 4% rate increase. There being no further discussion all members voted aye except for Councilmember Brumfield.

There will be a Public Hearing for the property tax rates on Thursday, September 3 at 5:00 p.m.. at 210 S. Lexington Avenue.

METRONET UPDATE

Dave Carlstedt has not met with Metronet yet.

Councilmember Baier asked Attorney Gullette if he has reviewed the Franchise Agreement with Metronet. Attorney Gullette said that it looked like the Time Warner Franchise Agreement. Councilmember Riel asked what process Nicholasville and Jessamine County went through to approve Metronet. Dave Carlstedt stated that the Jessamine County does not have Metronet. Nicholasville and Versailles do have it and they went through Linda Ain, Director with Kentucky Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE 647-12 TALL GRASS - RELATED TO COMBS LANE PROPERTY

The property on Combs Lane has had several complaints from neighbors about the tall grass.

The property is zoned agricultural but will soon be zoned light industrial. It has very tall grass that exceeds 8 inches and our Ordinance 647-12 does not exclude property zoned agricultural. The property owner would like to mow it for hay. Attorney Gullette stated that our ordinance should have some accommodation or should at least address agricultural land within the city in some way. Mayor Rainwater stated that he did not think that it is fair to put on 8 inch limit on agricultural land that is going to be used for hay. It has to be cut at least once a year around July if it is going to be agriculturally maintained. Dave Carlstedt stated that the other extreme of that is that there are a lot of other properties that are zoned R-1 that feels like it is agriculture because they never developed it. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Rainwater decided that we would discuss this matter at the September 21 council meeting and invite the persons involved in this matter to the council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 8-20 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX ON ALL MOTOR VEHICLES BY THE CITY OF WILMORE

Lori Vahle stated that we have not changed this tax rate in at least four years so if the Council would like to change the rate we can. Our rate is 21.41 cents per 100, the County's tax rate is 21.10 cents per 100 and Nicholasville is 19.07 cents per 100. It needs to be submitted to the state by October 1, 2020.

ORDINANCE 9-20 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE RATE FOR FEES ASSESSED BY THE KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY (KRA)

Dave Carlstedt stated that Kentucky River Authority charges everyone that pulls water out of the Kentucky River or the Kentucky River basin. 100% of that money goes to fund the KRA operationally and build dams. The reason for the increase is because they are building dams upstream from us. We got the notification in February that the rates were going up in July but we did not need the money for the first quarter because we were a little ahead but now we are not making enough money so the rate is 6 cents more per 1,000 gallons. It is a little more than we need but it will help us get caught up for several quarters. State laws require us to do that without any public hearings.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Finance Director Lori Vahle

Lori stated that our two biggest revenue sources are Insurance License Fees and Payroll tax and are revenues were low at the end of the second quarter. Lori called KLC and asked if there was anything that we could do to get the Insurance Companies to pay us. KLC said there is not a resource that we can use to collect the money but we can charge penalties. We will be checking into how we can charge the penalties.

Police Chief Bill Craig

Friday, August 21 Asbury University will have a worship service at the green behind Hughes Auditorium from 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Jimmy Powers

Director of Utilities and Public Works - Dave Carlstedt

Director of Facilities & Cemetery- Vince Lewellen

Vince stated that everything is still progressing. The Police Department is being painted. Bates Security will begin installing the security system on Wednesday, August 19 and will be finished by Wednesday, August 26. Spectrum is still working on installing Internet and phones. He is working on preventive maintenance on the outside with water issues on the police side and fixing the sidewalks behind the building so we can have a smooth sidewalk all the way to the pavillion.

Director of Community Development - Judy Woolums

The Arts & Crafts Festival in October has been cancelled. However, they have reached out to the local artisans and the Farmer's Market and they will be featuring two of them at the Farmer's Market each week and possibly having a very controlled and limited Fall

Open House on a Saturday in October.

Director of Parks and Recreation – Amy Fitch

Toadvine Enterprises will be installing the basketball goals in the gym but we will need to use \$1500 from the Parks and Recreation Impact fees to pay them.

Councilmember Bajer made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Bathje to use the Impact fees to pay for the installation of the basketball goals. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

MAYOR COMMENTS

The Mayor received a executed contract from the Department for Local Government for the Granary Stabilization CDBG Project. We have been working on getting the funds released. As soon as the funds are released we can start the bids.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilmember Bathje asked about any updates on the JCPL. The JCPL Board meets on August 20 and the comments are very positive that they will move forward on an agreement with us. They be in the lower level of the building with a private entrance. Councilmember Bathje also asked about any other rental partnerships. The Jessamine County Clerk's Office will be using a room. They have asked for a stay on paying rent for a full year. If they stay for another year they will pay a full rent for the value. They wanted to try it out before they commit to pay for the square footage for the room.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

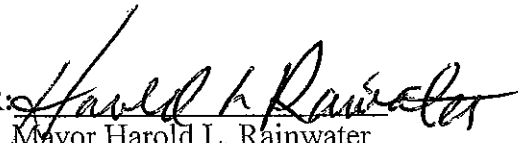
REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

REPORTS FROM THE FLOOR

Motion by Councilmember Brumfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PRESIDING OFFICER:


Mayor Harold L. Rainwater

ATTEST: Sharon Moore
Sharon Moore, City Clerk