

CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES

May 1, 2017

The Wilmore City Council met in regular session Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Wilmore City Hall with Mayor Harold Rainwater presiding. Councilmembers present were: Jeff Baier, Jim Brumfield, Lynn Cooper, Kim Deyer, Leonard Fitch and David Riel. City Attorney Robert L. Gullette III was present.

Not present:

Pledge to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Baier moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting; seconded by Councilmember Cooper. There being no discussion, all members voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL PROPOSAL

Judy Woolums presented the council with a proposal stating that they can put on the festival for \$5000.00. They have reached out to a corporate sponsor to help with this expense. They will know by the May 15th council meeting if the corporate sponsor will contribute to the festival. The festival will take place on October 6 & 7 during the Arts & Crafts Festival.

JOINT TOURISM COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Judge David West, Mayor Pete Sutherland and Tommy Cobb presented a proposal to the council to be a part of a Joint Tourism Commission that will create events that will draw people to our county who will spend the night and that will invest their dollars in Jessamine County, Nicholasville and Wilmore. Judge West, Mayor Sutherland and Tommy Cobb explained all of the ways that this will benefit the City of Wilmore and how this will be advertised. Mayor Rainwater explained that we were invited to look at this proposal to see if we wanted to become a part of a bigger pool to join in with Jessamine County and the City of Nicholasville to promote all the rooms at one time. He believes that we will benefit from this. All of the Bed and Breakfast owners and hotel representatives were present for the informational presentation.

Councilmember Brumfield asked the Bed and Breakfast owners and hotel representatives what their opinion was on the proposal. They had many excellent questions and comments for Judge West, Mayor Sutherland, Tommy Cobb, Mayor Rainwater and the Council. Councilmember Deyer stressed how important it will be to hire a Director that is very savvy in social media.

Councilmember Deyer, Councilmember Cooper and Councilmember Baier are all in favor of this proposal.

Councilmember Riel asked if the new ordinance that the Council will have to pass in order to adopt this proposal will include the adoption of a new tax and that if we decided not to do the tax we would have to pass another ordinance to rescind the first ordinance. Mayor Rainwater and Attorney Gullette stated that this is what would happen.

Councilmember Cooper questioned why there are 3 commissioners representing local hotel or motels and 1 commissioner representing local restaurants and why this could not be 2

2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET , 2016-2017 AMENDED BUDGET & 2018 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Finance Director Lori Vahle presented the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget and the 2016-2017 Amended Budget. She also presented the 2018 Health Insurance Renewal to the Council.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Chief Bill Craig announced that there will be a child seatbelt restraint class in September and 4 mothers from The Family Center will attending the class.

Dave Carlstedt announced that he would like for some of the Surplus Funds to go to street projects .This is the 9th budget year that we have not done any street projects.

Judy Woolums announced that on Saturday, May 6th the Farmers Market and the Flower Sale will take place in the City Hall parking lot. She would like to give a big thank you to Vince Lewellen who went above and beyond during the Coaster Car Derby.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Kentucky League of Cities has made Attorney Robert Gullette co-counsel with Charley Cole of Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC.

Mayor Rainwater congratulated Judy Woolums and Rob Gullette on a successful 3rd annual Coaster Car Derby. There were 11 cars and 12 drivers.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GUEST SPEAKERS:

Brian Nunn from the Kentucky League of Cities presented Chief Craig and the Police Department with a certificate for achieving a 100% Safety and Liability Review.


Mayor Rainwater presented Chief Craig a Proclamation for National Police Week May 14th-20th. It was passed and adopted May 1, 2017.

Tara Hall from The Family Center gave the Council an update on the new events at The Family Center. They are now a non-profit organization. On Saturday, May 20th from 11:00 – 2:00 there will be a Kid’s Konnection Fair. On Saturday, May 27th they will host a Foster Care & Adoption Fair.

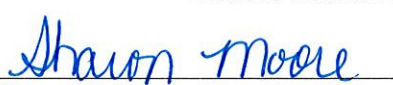
Motion by Councilmember Brumfield to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PRESIDING OFFICER:


Harold L. Rainwater, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon Moore, City Clerk