

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Monday, June 17, 2013, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. Mayor Lee McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M.

The meeting opened with prayer by Edward Cohill, Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

The following council members answered roll call: Dennis Blackerby, Don Davis, Calvin Gill, Patricia Johnson, Terry Newman, Alan Revis. Ricky Morris was not present.

The minutes of the June 03, 2013, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members prior to the meeting) were reviewed. Terry Newman made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented; Don Davis seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Dennis Blackerby, abstain; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Checks having been reviewed by the council members, Don Davis made a motion the checks be mailed. Patricia Johnson seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Dennis Blackerby, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Reivs, yes.

Public hearing/input

The following people signed in: Kay M. Ray, Thomas W. Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Terry Newman, Don Davis, Calvin Gill, Mary Gill, Larry Lowe, Melissa Rosetta, L. Alan Revis, Ruby Revis, A. B. Carder, Edward Cohill, Jonathan Mims, James McCormick, Mike Mims, Linda Obering, Stephanie Woods, Oliver G. Wilson, Karen McCarty, Donna R. Baker, Sue Whitfield, Dennis Blackerby, Rhonda Sykes, Nancy Fluker, W. G. Fluker, Connie Skinner, Maggie Glass, Steve Thomas, Terry Bell, Phillip Studimire, Charles A. Webb, Myrissa Webb, Phyllis Mayfield, Joyce S. Saxon, Yvonne Raia, Richard Atchison.

Mayor McCarty explained the Town has engaged a grant writer who will work on a commission only basis. The state can fund twenty-five to thirty-five grants this year as opposed to the five or six usually funded. It should help us that we have an Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) project in the works already (the turn-lane project on Highway 25). The available grants are for Transportation Alternative Program projects (other than automobile). Copies of the sign-in sheets, minutes of this meeting, and Resolution 130603 will be submitted. This Friday, there will be a meeting with Gary Ray, ALDOT District Engineer. Community support is very important in this process.

Councilwoman Johnson stated the community needs to be behind the project. Connectivity is very important now to make us a walkable town.

Sue Whitfield: Hebb Road is an important area with lots of pedestrian traffic. Sidewalks would improve the safety of walkers in that area. A sidewalk from the main intersection to the post office would also be helpful.

Sherry Hornbuckle: Please do not remove large trees doing this. She asked about the time frame for the expenditure of Town funds. The mayor stated Town money would be the last money required.

James McCormick: Break the project into phases. Include Yellowleaf Park.

Connie Skinner: Lives on Highway 25 and is in favor of sidewalks on either side of the road.

Gordon Fluker: On which side of Highway 25 would the sidewalks be placed? The mayor stated either side will work.

Mike Mims: Owns some property on Highway 25 and feels the sidewalks will increase property values.

Yvonne Raia: Would rather see Ball Park Road widened than sidewalks. Traffic is bad when school is in session. The mayor stated this cannot be addressed with this particular grant.

Joyce Saxon: Can rights of way be purchased with the grant money? Yes. If crosswalks are needed, would speed bumps or some other means of slowing traffic be included? Probably, since crosswalks would have to meet all state requirements.

Edward Cohill: Would there be lighting along the sidewalks? The mayor stated there will probably be lighting requirements since state, or possibly, federal regulations will have to be followed.

Charles Webb: There are lots of children who ride bicycles on Hebb Road, and they really need a safer place to ride, as well as walk.

Steve Thomas: There are children who walk to church and safety is an important issue for them. There are many positive aspects to this project.

Melissa Rosetta: Is very much in favor of the project. Asked what the next step will be after the meeting with Mr. Ray. The mayor stated sketches will be done, dollar amount set, and the paperwork turned in.

Terry Bell: Will the ditch along Highway 25 be eliminated? No

Discussion was held concerning the amount of money to apply for. If we apply for the minimum, the application will probably be at the bottom of the list. Following the discussion, Resolution 130603 was reviewed as follows:

#### TOWN OF WILSONVILLE

#### RESOLUTION # 130603

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama is applying for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for funds to improve infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville seeks to apply for \$1,200,000.00 for infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville will provide a cash match of up to \$300,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville authorizes The Kelley Group to apply for grant funding;

WHEREAS, the Town's council authorizes the Mayor to sign the TAP grant application prior to submission;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Town Council Members Dennis Blackerby, Don Davis, Calvin Gill, Patricia Johnson, Terry Newman, and Alan Revis have caused this Resolution to be executed on their behalf by Lee McCarty, Mayor of the Town of Wilsonville, on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

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Mayor Lee McCarty

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Terry Newman made a motion to adopt Resolution # 130603; Patricia Johnson seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Dennis Blackerby, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes; Lee McCarty, yes.

#### Council Agenda

There were no requests for items to be included.

#### Council Comments

Terry Newman asked if there were any prospects for a new bank in town. Mayor McCarty stated there were not, at the moment. Alliant Bank showed a little interest but did not follow up.

#### Public Comment

Memory Finn, D J's BBQ, stated she has lowered her price for food for the God and Country Celebration and presented a donation check for the Wilsonville Baptist Church.

Terry Bell asked about possible grant opportunities for a senior citizen center in town. He has seen articles in the paper about a center in Vandiver and a senior citizen van in Columbiana. The mayor stated that may be pursued in the future. He would prefer a community center, open for use by all citizens, not just senior citizens.

James McCormick stated a senior center would be an asset.

There being no further business to come before the council, Don Davis made a motion to adjourn. Calvin Gill seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P. M.

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E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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