

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session Monday, December 23, 2013, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee McCarty at 6:07 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Jeff Vick.

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

Kelley Keeton Taft and Bart Taft were present to answer any questions concerning the proposed loan for water meters. Mrs. Taft explained this is a low interest loan (two per cent to three per cent) with the possibility of principal forgiveness. Funding for this is provided by the Environmental Protection Agency through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. The deadline for pre-application is December 31, 2013, and notification of eligibility should arrive in February, 2014. Following that notification, a full application will be due by May 01, 2014. There are two categories of meters: drive-by read which would be approximately \$300,000.00 and read back to office (read remotely from the tank) which would be approximately twice that amount. The drive-by option would probably be best for us. Alan Revis made a motion to proceed with the pre-application for the water meter loan; Don Davis seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

The Tafts also reported on the sidewalk grant. The survey of the first section, along Hebb Road, is complete. In February, 2014, there will be a public meeting with the specs available for viewing. The question was asked about which side of Hebb Road the sidewalks will be on. Mr. Taft stated the sidewalks will be on the right side of Hebb Road as you travel toward town. The survey to Helms Park has not yet begun.

Kelley Taft stated a grant application has been filed to obtain breathing apparatus equipment for the Wilsonville Volunteer Fire Department. We should hear something about that application in two to three months.

The minutes of the December 02, 2013, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members prior to the meeting) were reviewed. Don Davis made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; Calvin Gill seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Checks were examined by the council members before the meeting. The mayor asked for a motion to approve all checks, except the one to Waste Management, which needs further discussion. Don Davis made a motion to approve the checks excluding the one to Waste Management; Terry Newman seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Mayor McCarty asked the council to consider adding Martin Luther King Day to the paid holiday list for town employees. Ricky Morris made a motion to add the holiday; Patricia Johnson seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

The mayor reported he has negotiated with Waste Management, and their final offer is a thirty-seven-and a half per cent deduction (\$4,146.20), leaving \$6,910.34 to pay for September service. Pam Watson, utility clerk, has researched and provided a list of eighty customers who should get a credit for three weeks missed service (\$9.00 each). Terry Newman made a motion to pay Waste Management \$6,910.34, issue a credit to the eighty customers, and deal with any other customers on a case by case basis; Alan Revis seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Surplus equipment was discussed. Don Davis suggested the Colorado pick-up truck be sold immediately and the rest of the items be sold this spring, possibly putting them on the corner lot and selling them from there. The practically new trailer, only used four or five times, was discussed. Terry Newman stated the trailer is paid for, is there if the need arises to use it, and, therefore, should not be sold. Don Davis made a motion to declare the Colorado pick-up truck surplus property and sell it as soon as possible. Terry Newman seconded, and the motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Lane Ross asked consideration be given to having all council meetings begin at the same time. He says it is confusing to have the first meeting of the month at 6:30 P. M. and the second meeting at 6:00 P. M. After some discussion, it was agreed to have both meetings begin at 6:00 P. M. The ordinance concerning order of procedure will need to be amended in order to make this change. The town clerk will prepare this information for approval at the first meeting in January.

Dates for the January, 2014, meetings were discussed. There is a conflict Monday, January 6, with the BCS championship football game, in which Auburn University will be playing and a conflict Monday, January 20, which is Martin Luther King Day Holiday. Patricia Johnson made a motion to have the January, 2014, council meetings on Tuesday, January 7 and Tuesday, January 21; Calvin Gill seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Council Agenda – None

Council Comment – None

Public Comment

Edward Cohill asked the council to look into having bushes trimmed near the entrance to Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church. The view is obstructed by the bushes. The mayor will see if these bushes are on the right-of-way.

Lane Ross asked about the time for the January 07, 2014, meeting. It will begin at 6:30 P. M.

Richard Atchison asked how the surplus property will be valued when it is sold. That decision will be made in the spring, at the time of sale.

Talmadge Merritt asked about pot holes on Newsome Road. This is a county road. The Town will contact the county about this matter.

There being no further business to come before the council, Calvin Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ricky Morris seconded, and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest