

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Tuesday, January 21, 2014, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. Mayor Lee McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:00 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Larry Cohill.

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

The minutes of the January 07, 2014, meeting (mailed to the council members prior to the meeting) were reviewed. Patricia Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; Don Davis seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Checks were examined by the council members before the meeting. Don Davis made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

The mayor made the following twelve announcements:

A date for the public hearing on the sidewalk grant, at which detailed plans will be available for examination, will be set at the February 03, 2014, meeting. All involved property owners need to be in attendance. The mayor asked for council input. Patricia Johnson stated there would probably be better attendance if the meeting were held in conjunction with a regular council meeting. Lee asked the council members to think about the best time and make that decision at the next meeting.

We should hear from the Fire Department grant in February.

The first cut concerning the water meter loan will be announced in February.

Lee has spoken with a representative of SouthPoint Bank concerning their location here. They are in the process of completing their annual audit, after which they hope to be opening their new branch.

Kelly Contracting and Paving, Chelsea, have been contacted about repairing pot holes in town. A representative will be coming and will prepare a written proposal to be presented to the council at the next meeting. Danny Edwards will be preparing a list of all the necessary repairs for the company and will be available to show them the areas, if needed.

Lee has been trying to meet with Shelby County Humane Society representatives concerning help with the stray dog issues in town. So far, he has not had much luck.

The mayor attended a meeting of the Birmingham Regional Planning Commission recently. The BRPC could possibly have some say in the ongoing ALDOT turn lane project on state highway 25. There is a check for 2013 dues to this organization in the above mentioned checks the council approved. If the BRPC can help the town with project, we need to be involved with the organization. Bids for this project should go out in either April or May.

The abandoned house on River Drive, asked about at the last meeting, belongs to a woman in Georgia. Lee tried to get in touch with her but she has no listed telephone number. He will try sending a letter to the address on the county property records to request she clean up the property.

Roger Perry and Kay Ray are working to contact Gov Deals to list the Colorado pick-up truck for sale.

Roger Perry will be having surgery Thursday of this week. He may be back to work, light duty, in about a week; however, if anyone sees him attempting any manual labor, the mayor would like to be informed!

Lee asked everyone to remember all council meetings will begin at 6:00 P. M. from now on.

Wayne Barber is finishing the annual audit. There are a couple of issues that need to be resolved, but the audit report should be ready soon.

The first order of business on the agenda was the renewal of the contract with RDS for collection of town sales tax. This is a three-year renewal. Alan Revis made a motion to approve the renewal; Don Davis seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

The mayor asked all council members to sign a thank you card to the Wilsonville United Methodist Women for the food preparation and decorations for the annual safety meeting/dinner earlier this month. He stated the food and venue were excellent.

The issue of "jake brakes" was discussed. There was a question of enforceability if signs were placed for nonuse of the brakes. Deputy Bloom stated it would be impossible to enforce such a regulation. There was also a question of the signs making the use of the brakes more prevalent rather than less. In order to place the signs on Highway 25, ALDOT approval would be necessary since Highway 25 is a state highway. There was also comment about the brakes being a safety issue for truckers. No action was taken.

Revision of the Personnel Rules and Regulations for town employees was discussed. There definitely needs to be a revision, but it must be carefully crafted. There are several templates available. Mayor McCarty has asked attorney, Stephen Walsh, to help with this matter.

Council Agenda. There were no requests.

Council Comment.

Councilman Davis called Roger Perry to the front and presented him with a custom made crutch/shovel to use during his recovery from surgery, along with an appropriate card.

Public Comment

Karen McCarty asked about some stray goats in her neighborhood.

Larry Lowe commented about dogs in his neighborhood. These dogs are not strays but are roaming freely, chasing cats onto residents' porches, and causing problems.

Frances Phelps asked that bushes at Mountainview Drive and River Drive be trimmed. She stated is very difficult to see oncoming traffic without pulling out into Mountainview Drive which is dangerous.

Mrs. Phelps also spoke about the Blue Star Salute quilt project. She has identified fifty veterans in Wilsonville who are eligible for the quilts. Help is needed to stitch these quilts. There will be a meeting Saturday, February 15, 2014, 10:00 A. M., at the Wilsonville United Methodist Church to instruct anyone willing to volunteer to help with this project.

There being no further business to come before the council, Calvin Gill made a motion to adjourn; Don Davis seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, Mayor

Attest