

Regular Session Council Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2023

The Town Council of the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama, met at the Wilsonville Town Hall, Council Chamber at 6:30 PM, Monday February 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ricky Morris at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Richard Atchison opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ricky Morris, Councilmember Richard Atchison, Councilmember Don Belcher, Councilmember Lauren Kennamer, Councilmember Larry Lowe, Councilmember Blake Ray and Councilmember Melissa Rosetta.

Absent: Mavis Cohill

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from January 23, 2023 Regular Session, mailed to Council prior to this meeting, were reviewed by the Town Council. Motion to approve minutes with corrections.

MOTION: Lauren Kennamer motioned to approve

SECOND: Larry Lowe

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION:

Richard Atchison-Yes	Lauren Kennamer-Yes
Don Belcher-Yes	Blakey Ray-Yes
Melissa Rosetta-Yes	
Larry Lowe-Yes	

Payment of Bills/Check Review:

Council members reviewed the current bills to be paid.

MOTION: Larry Lowe motioned to approve payment of bills

SECOND: Blake Ray

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION:

Richard Atchison-Yes	Lauren Kennamer-Yes
Don Belcher-Yes	Blake Ray-Yes
Melissa Rosetta-Yes	
Larry Lowe-Yes	

Update 2023 Council Meeting schedule:

Move Monday meeting that are scheduled on holidays to the following Thursdays. Council members reviewed the new schedule in their packets, carry over to next Council meeting.

December 2022 Treasury Report/Financials presented by Councilmember Lauren

Kenamer

GENERAL FUND

Total Income: \$348,669.60
Total Expense: \$120,928.62
Net Income: \$227,740.98
Total Liquid Assets: \$3,114,663.07

WATER WORKS

Total Income: \$46,506.73
Total Expense: \$83,385.83
Net Income: (\$36,879.10)
Total Liquid Assets: \$968,479.56

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Review of rules for Storm Shelter

Mayor Morris asked for an update on the Storm Shelter rules.

Documents provided: Community Storm Shelter Operations Plan (provided by Shelby County EMA)

Building Code Data stating occupancy load based on size and number of restrooms: 103 persons.

Blake Ray spoke to the SOP section 3-C. He is concerned about the Town opening the storm shelter when a “watch” is issued instead of a “warning”, since they can last so long and sometimes never lead to a “warning”. He suggested that since our volunteer Fire Department would be responsible, we should try and open during a watch, but guarantee the storm shelter is opened during a warning, considering our Fire Department is volunteer and most all have full-time jobs.

Larry Lowe agrees we definitely should be open in a warning, but should take it on a case by case basis, with early warning systems available we should be able to plan ahead of any severe weather threats. Keeping a close eye on the weather reports prior to its arrival in Shelby County we should be able to plan accordingly.

Richard Atchison had a suggestion for changes, on the 2nd page, item 2 near the top. Change the statement, “when a tornado warning is broadcast, all residents “seeking protection”, instead of the word “should”, “go immediately to the community shelter and follow procedures set forth by the shelter management team”.

He also stated that Town employees should also get involved during working hours, since many of the Fire Department volunteers have full-time jobs and may not be able to get away to open the storm shelter.

Don Belcher brought up the subject of how to handle the situation when the storm shelter reached capacity during a tornado warning. Until it is used, we really do not know how many people the storm shelter can actually hold. We may need to consider a sign stating the maximum capacity of the shelter, he feels that this should remain fluid for now.

Melissa Rosetta asked what would be posted, Rules or Operating procedures.

Richard stated it may be a combination of the two and suggested a mail out to residents or put a message on the water bills to direct the customers to a link on our website.

Larry Lowe suggested a legal notice in the paper.

Melissa Rosetta also suggested paying the storm shelter coordinator for their time.

Ricky Mayor said we would look at this, Blake Ray made the statement that if it were one person, and we may not be able to pay all the workers.

Melissa Rosetta also stated we will need other supplies in the storm shelter, such as, trash cans, etc.

Blake Ray asked what Shelby County's role would be regarding the storm shelter.

Lea Hethcox explained the process as Mindy Nash with Shelby County EMA informed.

Shelby County EMA will set-up any delegated storm shelter coordinators on the Everbridge Notification System, when notifications are sent, they should respond with the following numeric character:

- 1) 1=OPEN
- 2) 2=OPEN IN 30 MINUTES
- 3) 3=NOT OPENING

With this information Shelbyco.com will update their website, showing the status of the storm shelter, "open or closed". Link is <https://shelbyal.com/994/Storm-Shelter-Locations>

Shelby County asked that we have all residents sign in, keeping a count of the number of people that enter. After everyone is in and safe, email the number of occupants to the Shelby County EMA at the following email address shelbyema@shelbyal.com .

Shelby County will also provide a street sign indicating the location of the storm shelter.

Blake Ray, Larry Lowe and Don Belcher will work together to develop a final draft of the rules and operating procedures to be presented at the next Council meeting.

Mayor/Council's Comments/Updates:

Further conversations were regarding the ground work needed around the shelter to prevent the erosion and prevent anyone from falling. Richard Atchison presented pictures of the uneven ground and erosion surrounding the storm shelter, improvements will need to be made. ***Mayor Morris will contact some local contractors to come look at it and provide estimates.***

Lauren Kennamer commented on the broken guardrail on HWY 25 near the Dollar General. Roger Perry put up a cone just after it happened. Scottie Morris and Davy Edwards moved it back further from the edge of the road with the backhoe. Per Roger Perry repair would be the responsibility of ALDOT. Per Roger there is something in the works to repair the guardrail.

Richard Atchison had a question about the manhole on HWY 25 being paved. Mayor Morris assumes that the State did that. Roger stated you could still get in it, but it would take some time.

Mayor Morris stated that he talked to Clay Adderhold about the paving on Valentine, Shelby County will be taking care of Valentine. Clay is going to give us a price on some additional paving that needs to be done on portions of Oakland Ave and Ricky Morris will get a list together of paving that needs to be done. Melissa Rosetta asked when Valentine will be paved and would the paving would go all the way to Helms Park entry, Clay is going to look at this.

Roger Perry mentioned a grant on the Rebuild AL Tax to pave roads in Central Hills. He said it would save some money/ possibly an 80/20 grant.

Melissa Rosetta stated that the handicap parking spaces at Oak Meadow Park needed to be striped again, they are terrible she said. Mayor asked Roger about striper, we have one for fields. Richard Atchison suggested we try it and if it is not satisfactory, then hire somebody.

Melissa Rosetta stated there is a weekly event at the Methodist Church, called "Chit Chat", on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00, activities include play cards, board games, dominoes and conversation.

Richard Atchison asked about tax incentive options for business, Bill Justice has been contacted, but has not yet responded.

Melissa Rosetta reminded all that they had previously spoken about other options including buyers paying for the sewer expansion.

Reports from Boards or Committees

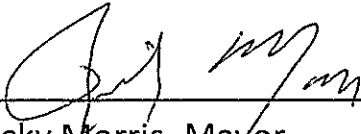
Roger Perry reported that there was a miscalculation in the previous bid sheet, but the engineer caught it and made a correction. He also announced a preconstruction meeting February 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Town Hall to go over any question the contractor/engineer may have of the Town of Wilsonville Water Operations Dept., as well as signatures on the contracts.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Atchison.

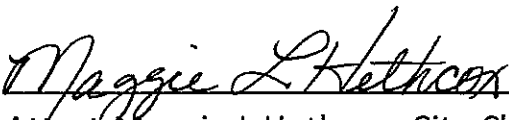
MOTION: Richard Atchison

SECOND: Lauren Kennamer

Unanimous motion approved, meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.



Ricky Morris, Mayor



Attest Maggie L Hethcox, City Clerk