

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, May 19, 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 Reverend Glenn Wilson.

The following council members answered roll call: Dennis Blackerby, Don Davis, Calvin Gill, Patricia Johnson, Ricky Morris, Terry Newman, Alan Revis.

The minutes of the May 06, 2014, 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, yes; 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 immediately preceding the meeting. Don Davis made a motion to mail the checks; Patricia Johnson seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Dennis Blackerby, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Kip Cole, candidate for Shelby County Sheriff, was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

John Samaniego, candidate for Shelby County Sheriff, addressed the meeting. He spoke of his law enforcement career, thus far, and asked for support in the upcoming election. He has been instrumental in beginning several programs while chief deputy for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office: Quality of Life Program, citizen firearm safety class, and soon to be implemented, defense class for women. Don Davis asked about the School Resource Officer program which is in all the Shelby County Schools; he is in favor of the program and anything else that offers safety for children. Frances Phelps asked about the recently implemented Veteran's Court. Mr. Samaniego stated he supports this program as well as the Mental Health Court Program and was instrumental in beginning both programs.

Judge Jerry Fielding, candidate for State Senate, addressed the group. Due to redistricting, he is now in district eleven. He believes strongly in term limits. He has been a city judge and city attorney, in the past and works closely with the Alabama League of Municipalities. He is proudest of a bill he introduced to speed up the process of adopting children, which removes the children from the foster care system and places them into a family setting. He also sponsored a bill outlawing foreign made air bags for vehicles, some of which are not only not helpful, but in some cases, harmful. One of his priorities, if elected, will be prison reform. Alabama's prisons are at 190% capacity, and if action is not taken to correct this situation, the federal government will take them over. Alan Revis asked if the prisons could not be made self-sufficient: growing their own food, producing products, and training for jobs after incarceration.

Mayoral Announcements

The mayor thanked both candidates for coming to the meeting and stated he thinks them both to be worthy of the positions for which they are running.

The mayor addressed several recent problems in town, as follows:

There has been a septic tank back-up at Helms Park concession stand. Roger Perry stated the septic tank problem was due to grease clogging the pipe into the tank, and there is a layer of grease inside the tank. The bathrooms did not cause the back-up, but the grease did. The tank will be pumped out and domed lids installed to make the pump out process easier in the future. The lids should be here tomorrow. There is no grease trap and no room to install one. Alan Revis said all the grease is removed from the concession stand and not put down the drain. It was suggested, in the future, the tank be pumped out on an annual basis.

Two bad water leaks have been found. One is in Homestead Subdivision and one at the corner of Ball Park Road and Highway 25. Roger Perry reported he hopes to have the leak at Homestead fixed tomorrow. The one at Ball Park Road is awaiting line location (there is a major phone cable under the ground there) and will probably involve digging up the road.

Budget amendments need to be addressed at the June 02, meeting for the following items: the Opelika clerk's summer conference, the contract for animal control services, and the tree removal in the cemetery.

Mayor McCarty will be meeting with ALDOT officials, Thursday, May 22, concerning the road project. The bid is still set for letting, July 27. A question had been raised about the potential of additional truck traffic from the soon to open White Rock Quarry; however, upon checking with the company, the traffic is not expected to be routed in this direction at all.

May 1, one of the town's trucks was involved in an accident on Hebb Road. The truck has been declared totaled by the insurance adjuster. The frame was bent in two places. We would like to keep the utility bed off the truck and talking to the insurance company about that possibility. The totaled value of the truck is \$18,033.33. We will be examining our options for replacement at a later date.

Steve Smith, CEO of SouthPoint Bank will address the council at the June 02 meeting.

The next agenda item was uncollectible utility accounts for calendar year 2013. The proposed amounts are as follows: water, \$1,325.38; sewer, \$127.40; garbage, \$638.47; late charge, \$307.51; service charge, \$30.00; utility tax, \$53.08. This is a total of \$2,481.84. Don Davis made a motion to declare the above amounts uncollectible; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Dennis Blackerby, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Ordinance Number 140519, State Sales Tax Holiday was introduced, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 140519

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WILSONVILLE, ALABAMA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN "COVERED ITEMS" FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE FIRST FULL WEEKEND OF AUGUST, 2014, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2006-574, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE SALES TAX HOLIDAY LEGISLATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WILSONVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions Act 2006-574 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2006 Regular Session, providing for a State Sales Tax Holiday, the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama, exempts "covered items" from municipal sales and use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a. m., on the first Friday of August, 2014 (August 1, 2014) and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday (August 3, 2014).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2006-574, except that the time period shall only be as specified in Section 1 above and not for all years thereafter.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance under the seal of the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama, and to forward said certified copy to the Alabama Department of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Department website.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2014.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

E. L. McCarty, Mayor

Attest: Town Clerk

Alan Revis made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 140519, as presented; Patricia Johnson seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Dennis Blackerby, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Mayor McCarty reported Ricky King has signed a contract to act as the animal control officer for the Town until the end of this fiscal year (September 30, 2014). He will begin work this week.

Bob Cat equipment was the next issue addressed. Don Davis reported there is a need for a bush-hog attachment for the Bob Cat. We have a forestry cutter which has hardly been used and is not needed. The forestry cutter cannot be used for the limb cutting we do because it has to be on level ground to operate. The bush-hog attachment could be used to cut rights-of-way and bushes; it weighs less and is a lot more maneuverable. The six foot bush-hog is priced at between \$6,500.00 and \$7,400.00. The forestry cutter will bring enough to cover the expense of the bush-hog, probably with some left over. Frances Phelps asked how much the new equipment would be used; Roger Perry stated a lot more than the existing equipment. Ann Phelps suggested selling the forestry cutter and renting a bush-hog attachment to see if that is what is really needed. Following this discussion, Don Davis made a motion to declare the forestry cutter attachment excess property in order to sell it; Calvin Gill seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Dennis Blackerby, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Council Agenda – There was none.

Council Comment

Terry Newman asked why a light bar was purchased. Roger Perry stated it was put on the truck Danny Edwards is driving.

Patricia Johnson suggested getting Mr. Edwards' input concerning the Bob Cat attachment issue.

Public Comment

Lane Ross expressed concern about the following issues: asphalt piled up at Homestead Drive following the paving Shelby County recently completed which he has spoken to several people about getting cleaned up; a hole in the culvert at Homestead Subdivision entrance which is a hazard and may cause injury to someone walking (Roger has looked at this and says the road would have to be dug up to properly repair this; there is a possibility of doing it with a piece of metal and some concrete); the rights-of-way on Homestead Subdivision streets need to be cleared—he is having trouble getting his motorhome in and out without scratches from trees.

Ivan Greene asked if the Town will pay to clean up the concession stand. Yes, this was already established earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the council, Don Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, Mayor

Attest