

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, November 17, 2014, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee McCarty at 6:00 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilman Calvin Gill.

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

The minutes of the November 03, 2014, meeting (mailed to 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: Dennis Blackerby, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Terry Newman, yes; Alan Revis, yes.

Checks were examined immediately before the meeting by the council members. Don Davis made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; Alan Revis 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.

Mayoral Announcements

Mayor McCarty commented the Quilts of Valor Program, November 01, 2014, was a well done and successful event with a good attendance. He expressed his appreciation.

Ricky Morris arrived at the meeting at 6:03 P. M.

The mayor will be attending a meeting with ALDOT officials, Wednesday, November 26. In addition to the ongoing Highway 25 project, the Town has been notified Highway 25 will be widened, resurfaced and striped from Business Highway 25 in Columbiana to County Road 61 in Wilsonville. Mayor McCarty plans to put in a request for replacing the bridge on Highway 25 which is narrow and dangerous.

The Tax Commissioner's Office has requested verification annually of the millage rate for all municipalities in Shelby County. This is a requirement of the state auditor. Wilsonville's rate is five mills, and this information will be forwarded to the Commissioner.

The mayor reported on the Zoning Board meeting Thursday, November 13, 2014. The Board elected James McCormick as chairman and Pete Gage as vice-chairman. A date to hear a request from Homestead Subdivision residents to amend the zoning ordinance, disallowing modular housing in E-1 and E-2 Zoning Districts, was set for Thursday, January 8, 2015. Alan Revis stated there needs to be a clear definition and description of modular housing. Some of the Zoning Board members will be meeting with county officials to determine that and what options are available to the Board for restrictions.

Mayor McCarty suggested a moratorium be placed on any permit applications for E-1 and E-2 Zoning District requesting placement of modular homes until the Zoning Board comes to a decision on the request for change. Patricia Johnson made a motion to impose a moratorium; 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.

The next item on the agenda was the request to change property on Carlson Road from Holding Zone District to Agricultural District, which was approved by the Zoning Board at the October 30, 2014, meeting/public hearing. Patricia Johnson made a motion to approve changing the zoning classification on parcel identification number 58-20-1-01-3-001-004.000, on Carlson Road, from Holding Zone District to Agricultural District. Ricky Morris seconded, and 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.

Roger Perry reported the Highway 25 road project is not going well. The sewer line was successfully moved; however, when the water line was moved, it would not pass the pressure test. One repair was made, but it still would not pass. Special joint restraint gaskets were used, and the contractor may have been given the wrong gasket. Work continues to try to correct the problem. The earliest date for the road closure to put in the new culvert will be the weekend of December 6th and 7th.

Councilman Davis asked at the last meeting to include a garbage issue on the agenda. He stated a penalty should be charged for reinstatement of service when a garbage can is picked up for nonpayment of the bill. There is a charge for reinstatement of water service, and there should be one for garbage only customers, as well. The mayor asked for a suggested amount. Kay Ray and Roger Perry suggested \$20.00, and Don Davis suggested \$24.00. Mayor McCarty asked the council members to be thinking about a fair reinstatement charge. The matter will be on the agenda for the December 01, 2014, meeting.

WastePro has notified the Town, they will be increasing their rate by 2.02 %, beginning with the November, 2014, statement. There have not been increases in our rates in quite a while for either water or garbage service. The council needs to be thinking about whether or not an increase should be considered.

Mayor McCarty is in the process of getting the necessary paper work in place to move the water loan from Renasant Bank to SouthPoint Bank as soon as possible. SouthPoint Bank is offering 3.75 % interest on the loan; we currently are paying 4 %. The quoted payoff as of November 13, 2014, was \$642,855.41; however, the amount changes daily because of a daily interest accrual at \$71.38. He would like to pay off the existing loan, borrow \$560,000.00 from SouthPoint Bank and make up the difference with money on hand, leaving off the extra monthly payment until that amount is covered. Don Davis made a motion to give the mayor and the town clerk the authority to proceed with moving the loan as described above; 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.

Council Agenda – There was none

Council Comment

Dennis Blackerby asked about the Town Christmas decorations. The poles along Highway 25 on which the decorations hung have been replaced and the brackets for the decorations are gone. The poles have been moved farther off the road. Utility companies are not fond of their poles being used for decorations due to liability concerns among other things. There will be no street decorations this year. The Beautification Board will have decorations downtown, and there will be some in front of Town Hall.

The mayor suggested using the corner lot at Highways 25 and 61 in the future for some sort of holiday display. This will be addressed at a later date.

Public Comment

Larry Lowe, treasurer of The Commercial Development Authority of the Town of Wilsonville, stated he has some funds left in the CDA checking account. He asked about returning the money to the Town. He is waiting for a rebate on the insurance on the bank building. Mayor McCarty suggested he continue to maintain the account for now.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest