

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, June 22, 2015, 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 Councilman Calvin Gill.

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

The minutes of the June 01, 2015, 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: Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes.

Checks were examined by council members immediately preceding the meeting. Don Davis made a motion to mail the checks; Calvin Gill seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes.

Mayoral Announcements.

Tim Carter has been hired to serve as the animal control officer for the Town.

The mayor will be serving on a committee which will meet in Montgomery, July 14, 2015, to discuss getting a bill introduced into the legislature addressing the enforcement of town/city ordinances by contracted law enforcement personnel.

The Highway 25 ALDOT project is nearing completion. Some say it will be finished by the end of this week. Roger Perry reported there was one problem found during the pressure tests Friday on the sewer lines. It was repaired that day. They are currently laying sod on the north end. There is still some work to do on driveways, roads, and streets entering the highway. The loops for the traffic light are still to be installed. The barrels should go away quickly. Roger stated there is still some work to be done at the large box culvert near the Shell Gas Station. Terry Newman and Don Davis stated the proposed turn lane at Highway 25 and 61 is not adequate for eighteen-wheelers. It was described as pitiful. Mayor McCarty stated the Town is powerless to do anything about that since Highway 25 is a state highway. The mayor will meet with ALDOT officials Thursday, June 25. Paving will begin on Highway 25 between Wilsonville and Columbiana when the work inside Wilsonville is completed. There will be better striping and lighting on the narrow bridge on that section of the road; however, the bridge itself will not be widened or replaced.

Roger Perry stated the new seventy-two inch deck lawn mower is being used and is working out well.

The recently purchased trucks are all in service at this time.

The town clerk reported the food for the God and Country Celebration has been ordered. The mayor will pick up the peaches. The weather forecast indicates the temperature may drop by the weekend with the chance of a shower.

Surplus property was discussed. The 1988 or 1989 John Deere 970 tractor and grooming mower were discussed. The tractor is mechanically sound but looks really bad. Patricia Johnson stated the tractor needs to be kept at least until October to see if it is used or needed before disposing of it. The other item discussed for disposal was the 1996 3500 Chevrolet truck and utility bed. Roger Perry stated the truck is not in good shape; it has 110,000 miles on it, and the transmission is bad. Patricia Johnson suggested selling the truck through Gov-Deals. Don Davis made a motion to declare the truck excess property and sell it through Gov Deals; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes.

Don Davis then asked about the large utility trailer which he said has only been used once. Roger Perry stated the trailer has been used several times, and he thinks it should be kept. The trailer was bought with funds from the sanitation department, and if it is sold, the money can only be spent in that department according to state law.

The Town owns one acre of land and a well and well house on Highway 61 not far from the intersection with Highway 145. This well was developed several years ago, but it cannot be used due to the infiltration of surface water. Terry Newman made a motion to declare this property excess property; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, abstain; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes. Area realtors will be consulted concerning the value of the property so it can be sold.

Councilman Davis asked if any of the councilmembers had looked at Oakland Avenue. Mayor McCarty and Councilman Morris had. Where the concrete section meets the asphalt section is in disrepair. The problem with this street is there is no base except the concrete. It was asked if asphalt could be applied over the concrete. It was suggested one of the contractors working on the road project be asked to give an opinion on how to proceed. This will be done.

The proposed Personnel Policy was discussed. Patricia Johnson is concerned about the drug, alcohol, and firearms aspects in the policy. Mayor McCarty feels the drug and alcohol issue is sufficiently covered, as presented. Don Davis stated the Policy cannot be geared to current employees since current employees will not always be employees. Larry Cohill stated there have been drug testing policies wherever he has worked (in the military and the Veteran's Administration). Charles Smith stated drug testing was required where he worked if a lost time incident occurred (either equipment or personnel). It was noted whenever a worker's compensation claim is to be filed, drug testing is required. Mayor McCarty will consult with the attorneys who drew up the policy to see if more specific language needs to be inserted on these issues. Larry Cohill stated the policy cannot be all encompassing; he thinks the policy is adequate, as presented.

Page Gilbert, who was next on the agenda, was not present.

The planned Christmas event was discussed. Larry Lowe stated the committee will meet Friday, June 26, at 8:00 A. M. So far, proposals have been made for a large artificial tree on the lot at the corner of Highways 25 and 61, outline lighting on the stores, live trees around town, a program the Monday after Thanksgiving with area choirs, Santa Claus, etc. This is an aggressive plan and will initially be expensive. Calvin Gill made a motion to amend the budget to include \$20,000.00 for the Christmas decorations; Terry Newman seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes.

Patricia Johnson made a motion to appoint Councilman Ricky Morris to the position on the Cemetery Committee formerly held by Councilman Alan Revis, who passed away recently. Calvin Gill seconded, and the motion passed with the following vote: Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes.

Council Agenda. There was none.

Council Comment.

Councilman Morris stated he will not be here for the July 6, 2015, meeting.

Public Comment.

Larry Lowe stated the only recurring expense for the Christmas decorations will be the purchase of live trees each year which should not be much.

Barry Sims asked about the possibility of other religious groups wanting to put up holiday decorations.

There being no further business to come before the council, Don Davis made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ricky Morris. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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