

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Monday, July 20, 2015, 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 Larry Cohill.

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

The minutes of the July 06, 2015, regular council meeting (mailed to council members prior to the meeting) were reviewed. Councilwoman Patricia Johnson asked for a correction to the final full paragraph of the minutes. The sentence reads: "Councilwoman Johnson and Councilman Gill well bring information to the next meeting about the procedure to lower the municipal sales tax rate which is the highest in Shelby County." The underlined phrase should read which is one of the highest in Shelby County. Councilwoman Johnson, then, made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; Terry Newman seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Dennis Blackerby, abstain; Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, abstain; Terry Newman, yes.

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

#### Mayoral Announcements

The mayor has talked with Marlin Gallups about installing a service pole for power on the corner lot. The lot needs some sprucing up before the event. The lot is larger than the currently fenced area. The mayor is thinking a wall with built in seats a couple of feet inside the boundary lines would be nice. There is a slope in the lot which will need to be dug out and a retaining wall installed. Patricia Johnson suggested hiring a landscape architect/designer to look at the lot and advise the best use of the land and the best materials. Terry Newman asked if we could put underground power there. The mayor asked for council opinions. The foundation of the old town jail is on the lot and needs to be preserved. The mayor will research and find a landscape architect. Larry Lowe asked if some of the improvements could be done by volunteers. Lee stated some of it probably could be handled in that manner but not all. If we were able to get any grant assistance, no volunteer labor would be allowed. Larry Cohill mentioned he had been involved in a flag pole project in Montgomery which was done by American Flag Company in Birmingham. Lane Ross mentioned a Mr. Crimm who might be contacted.

Mayor McCarty mentioned a band from Altoona, Alabama, who may come to participate in the Christmas event. They would charge \$1,000.00.

The mayor attended the Alabama League of Municipalities meeting and placed on the legislative agenda the matter of changing the law so the sheriff could enforce municipal ordinances in those municipalities which contract with the sheriff for law enforcement.

The ALDOT meeting for this month is scheduled for July 30. The mayor plans to address the narrow bridge on Highway 25 again. There is already a detour available around the bridge (highway 9 to Newsome Road and back to highway 25). Richard Atchison asked about the weight limit on the bridge to Newsome Road. Terry Newman stated he did not think that would be a problem.

The mayor asked the council to be making a list of streets in town that need to be paved so he can turn in the requests to Shelby County in September. Terry Newman mentioned the road into Helms Park, but that would not qualify. Mountianview Drive from Cove Road to the water and Oakland Avenue were mentioned as was Hebb Road which is a county road. Newsome Road needs widening on the highway 61 end; however, Roger Perry stated there is a right-of-way issue involved there. Lee would like to firm up the list next month, perhaps requesting work on four town streets and four county roads.

Surplus property was next on the agenda. The mayor will talk with Debra King as soon as she gets back in town about the sale of well number 4 and one acre of land on highway 61.

The sales tax on automobiles and boats was discussed. Councilwoman Johnson reported there are seventeen municipalities in Shelby County and the majority (eight) charge one per cent (1%) sales tax on these items. Wilsonville and two other municipalities charge two per cent (2%). This rate became effective in Wilsonville in October, 2002, according to the county website. She suggested the rate be changed to one per cent (1%) to be more in line with the other municipalities and that the new rate be effective October 01, 2015. This is a revenue issue and will be on the agenda for the August 03, 2015, meeting.

Council Agenda – There was none.

Council Comment

Larry Cohill stated Haleigh Green, who was recently murdered in Columbiana, is his step-granddaughter.

Public Comment – There was none.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 P. M.

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E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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