

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session Monday, August 24, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee McCarty at 6:01 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 August 03, 2015, regular council meeting (mailed to council members prior to the meeting) were reviewed. Don Davis made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented; Patricia Johnson 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.

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

The Christmas celebration item on the agenda was moved up so that Chad Cosby of Chandler Landscaping could present his proposed design for the park at the corner of Highways 25 and 61, where the Christmas tree will be placed and the Christmas celebration held. Mr. Cosby showed several drawings of the proposal. Larry Lowe asked if only one entity was contacted to offer a plan. Mayor McCarty reported Chandler was the only entity to respond. Terry Newman asked how this was to be paid for. The mayor stated the project may be done in phases for financial reasons. Patricia Johnson stated she would like to see another water feature farther into the park for the use and enjoyment of the people. Larry Lowe asked if the water feature on the drawing would just sit there; Mr. Cosby stated there will be a recirculating pump involved. Make Griffen asked if there was any lighting involved in the plan; the lighting can be incorporated into the wall with no poles involved. Lane Ross asked about the cost of the project; the cost has not yet been figured. He also asked how this will effect Revis Auto Service. The mayor stated the plan is entirely on Town property; he does not believe it will hurt Mr. Revis' business. Following the discussion, Patricia Johnson made a motion to authorize Mr. Cosby to develop the plan and prepare pricing to be presented to the council; Calvin Gill 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, no. Larry Cohill stated the park will not be only for the Christmas season but to make the town more attractive all year and to be enjoyed by the citizens.

Mayoral Announcements

Mayor McCarty will be meeting with ALDOT officials Thursday, August 27. Mr. Leonard is supposed to come to Wilsonville for a walk through on the recently completed Highway 25 project. The mayor is still trying to get ALDOT to address the narrow bridge on Highway 25 and will bring the issue up again at the meeting and the walk through. The Highway 25 paving between Wilsonville and Columbiana should be completed in another month.

At the next council meeting, a representative of the Kelly Group will be here for the awarding of the contract for the water meter project. UWS, Inc. is the low bidder at just under \$300,000.00. The project may begin in October and will take a couple of months to complete, according to Roger Perry.

The mayor will meet with the Birmingham Regional Planning Commission and with Congressman Palmer soon.

ALDOT has assigned a new project manager for the sidewalk project.

Mayor McCarty read an e-mail he received concerning the arrest of a subject in the robbery of Jerry's Bait and Tackle earlier this year. The suspect was arrested in Talladega County for some incidents there, and when questioned by Shelby County authorities, he confessed to the robbery in Wilsonville.

The next item on the agenda was the resolution authorizing the mayor to ask for an attorney general's opinion on the matter of enforcement of municipal ordinances by the contracted Shelby County Sheriff's deputies who work in Wilsonville. He has spoken to Representative Mike Hill and Senator Jim McClendon concerning introducing a bill in the next regular legislative session for such authorization. Sheriff Samaniego suggested the possibility of getting an attorney general's opinion on the matter. Resolution Number 150824 was introduced as follows:

RESOLUTION 150824

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama, wishes to request an Alabama Attorney General's opinion on a matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of Wilsonville, Alabama, as follows:

That the council authorizes the Mayor to contact the Alabama Attorney General's Office to seek an opinion on the enforcement of municipal ordinances by the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, with whom the Town has a contract for law enforcement services.

That the Council agrees there is a legitimate dispute in this matter.

THEREFORE, _____, a member, moved and _____, a member seconded the motion that said resolution be given vote, and said resolution passed by a vote of all members of the Council present.

ADOPTED, this the 24th day of August, 2015.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Kay M. Ray, Town Clerk

I, the undersigned qualified and acting clerk of the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the Town Council of said town, at a regular meeting of such Council held on the 24th day of August, 2015, and that such resolution is on file in the office of the Town Clerk

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Town on this the 24th day of August, 2015.

Kay M. Ray, Town Clerk

Don Davis made a motion to approve Resolution 150824, as presented; Larry Cohill 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.

The matter of surplus property (well number four and the property it sits on) was once again continued. Debra King, Down South Realty, has not returned the mayor's calls.

Mayor McCarty asked council members if they had any questions or comments on the upcoming budget for fiscal year 2016. Terry Newman stated he would like to see paving the road into Helms Park included in the budget. The mayor reminded the council to be ready to consider how to spend the budget surplus funds this year. He would like to see \$150,000.00 go to debt reduction. Work on the budget will begin at the regular council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 08, 2015.

Council Agenda

Councilman Don Davis asked surplus property, namely trucks and tractors, be placed on the agenda, specifically the F250 Ford truck. Mayor McCarty asked for a second from the council to place the item on the agenda. There was no second.

Council Comment

Councilman Gill stated the F250 Ford truck just needs to be taken to someone competent to fix it. Councilman Morris said there are good mechanics here in Wilsonville who could do the job. Councilman Newman added the local mechanics have the necessary equipment to fix the truck.

Public Comment

Larry Lowe asked if the timer on the traffic light could be adjusted. He stated the lights stays green for Highway 61 traffic too short a time. Roger Perry stated the time was less than the old light; however, for a year, the light is the responsibility of ALDOT. Mayor McCarty will address this when he meets with ALDOT this Thursday.

Mr. Lowe also asked whether or not the sandbags will be removed from the drainage ditches alongside Highway 25. Roger Perry stated ADEM has to do a final inspection of the ditches to be sure the sodded area is preventing dirt from washing into the ditches. If the inspection goes well, the sandbags will be removed.

C. J. Richardson suggested doing a grassroots campaign to encourage support for Wilsonville merchants. He has seen this done with billboards in other areas.

Jim Harper asked where people would park for events on the corner lot park. The mayor stated probably in the Baptist Church parking lot. The question was asked if the church had received a request to do this.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, Mayor

Attest