

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 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 Larry Cohill.

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

The minutes of the January 04, 2016, meeting (mailed to council members prior to the meeting) were reviewed. Patricia Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; Calvin Gill seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Dennis Blackerby, yes; Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes.

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

Mayoral Announcements

There is no update on either the sidewalk project or the meter replacement project.

Work continues on the park. Danny Moore did a survey of the property. Adam Carder, civil engineer, has also been working on the project. Shelby County Highway Department has approved cutting the curb back where turns are made from Highway 25 onto Highway 61. The curbing along Highway 61 will be steel reinforced due to the large truck traffic on 61. By the next meeting, there will probably be another financial draw on the park project. There should be a plan next council meeting.

The mayor met with Shelby County Highway Department officials about paving projects to be done in the Town on the county contract. Areas mentioned for consideration were Newsome/Merrell Lokey/South Main Street intersection, Old Lokey Ferry Road, Mountainview Drive from Cove Road to the water, and Oakland Avenue. Drainage problems on Valentine and at the intersection of Hebb Road and Homestead were also discussed.

Tomorrow, the mayor will meet with legislators. There is a lot of discussion asking support for a yes/no vote on having a state lottery. Senator McClendon has a bill ready for introduction when the legislature reconvenes next month. The mayor stated his opposition to a state lottery.

The monthly ALDOT meeting will be Wednesday, January 27. The triangular piece of property obtained by the state during the Highway 25 project will be given back to the town and incorporated into the park.

The mayor reported the safety meeting banquet was a success. It was held at Wilsonville Baptist Church and was very well done. He suggested trying to keep the event in Town in the future; that seems to work out better.

Mayor McCarty will be meeting with Congressman Palmer Thursday, February 18.

The old Christmas decorations were discussed. The Beautification Board thinks they can find a use for the old decorations. They plan to move the decorations to their storage area along with a spool the light strings came on. The matter will be addressed in the spring.

Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church has requested Christmas lights next year on their building. Larry Lowe stated there should be enough lights to do that. He thinks there are three-hundred-fifty feet of lights available; he will check and let the council know.

The issue of pay rates for the mayor and council members was discussed. If the pay rate is going to be changed, it must be done no later than February 23 of this year. The mayor recommends leaving the mayor salary at \$500.00 a month. The council needs to think about council compensation, and it will be on the February 01 meeting agenda.

Expenses for the Christmas tree lot and power were discussed. Patricia Johnson made a motion to pay Lisco Sales and Service \$300.00 for power and the use of their parking space and to pay Davy Edwards \$250.00 for the use of his lot. Larry Cohill seconded the motion which passed with the following vote; Dennis Blackerby, yes; Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, no; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes.

Uncollectible utility account amounts were presented by the town clerk for 2014 and 2015. The amounts were as follows: 2014, \$2,415.21; 2015, \$2,428.80. This is less than one per cent (1%) of the utility income. Patricia Johnson adamantly opposed writing off these amount and wants the Town to participate in a new program offered by the state, whereby the town will submit the uncollectibles to the state. The money would be deducted from the individual's state income tax refund if there is one. We would have to obtain social security numbers for the customers which would incur an expense to the Town. This will be further investigated and discussed at the February 1 meeting.

Council Agenda – There was none.

Council Comment – There was none.

Public Comment

Barry Sims asked why town employees were repairing a water line which should be under warranty by Chilton Contractors (state highway project contractor) and being paid overtime in the process. He also wanted to know why the street lights in front of the downtown businesses were not operating. It was explained there is no power source for the lights. After the one year warranty on the new traffic lights expires, we can get power from the traffic light power source, and the lights will be reconnected. To do so before that time would void the warranty on the traffic light.

Mike Griffin asked about a dead tree on Hebb Road on the edge of the Saunders' property. The mayor stated that tree will be removed when the sidewalks are put in.

There being no further business to come before the council, Don Davis made a motion to adjourn. Dennis Blackerby seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, Mayor

Attest