

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, April 18, 2016, 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: Larry Cohill, Don Davis, Calvin Gill, Patricia Johnson, Ricky Morris, Terry Newman. Dennis Blackerby was not present.

The minutes of the April 04, 2016, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members prior to the meeting) were reviewed. Terry Newman made a motion to accept 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 the council members immediately before the meeting. Ricky Morris made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; 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

The mayor will be meeting with ALDOT officials Thursday, April 28, 2016, and is still trying to address the problem of the narrow bridge on Highway 25 and the possibility of replacing it.

The park construction is still ongoing. The flag pole will go up tomorrow. Stone caps will be in on Wednesday. There has been a lot of work putting stone on the back wall lately. Someone asked when the water features will be going in, and we do not know.

The dedication and ribbon cutting for the park will be Wednesday, May 25, 10:00 A. M. The mayor will welcome any and everyone who wishes to help to serve on the committee. The Veteran's Affairs Mobile unit will be coming and setting up on the Baptist Church parking lot on Highway 25. Larry and Barbara Lowe will be helping, and the mayor wants Deputy Bloom in on the planning, as well. The South Shelby Chamber of Commerce will be doing a ribbon cutting. Ms. Pickett, First Baptist Church, will be singing the national anthem. There will need to be an agenda planned, and the event does not need to be any longer than one hour. We will need to purchase a portable stage which will be set up facing the amphitheater/Revis Auto.

Water meter installation should begin either May 2 or May 9.

The Animal Vaccine Clinic will be Saturday, April 21, 9:00 A. M. to Noon. The veterinarian will have to leave at noon.

The Regional Planning Commission of Birmingham will be meeting this week. They will have two representatives coming for the park dedication.

Coffee With the Mayor of Wilsonville will be Thursday, April 21, 8:30 to 9:30 A. M. in the Council Chamber Room at the Town Hall. Chad Cosby will be there to do a presentation about the park.

Statement of Income Forms must be in to the Ethics Commission by May 2. The form needs to be filed on line.

Helms Park Concession Stand is being managed by Nancy Ray and Angie Lucas. The mayor has been and says the food is good. He urged the council members to go by and see what's going on at the ball park.

Agenda Items

The mayor discussed the portable stage for the park. He gave council members a brochure about this at an earlier meeting. After discussion, Larry Cohill made a motion to authorize the mayor to spend up to \$3,000.00 for a stage; 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.

Oakland Avenue paving was next on the agenda.

The mayor stated, before this area is addressed, the council needs to know about an emergency situation on Valentine Circle, where a pipe under the road is deteriorating and a large hole has developed. Clay Aderholt, Shelby County Highway Department, looked at the situation and has a crew working on similar situations now. The county will install a new pipe (materials and labor) at no charge but the Town will have to pay for the paving on Valentine. The mayor has agreed to this.

Oakland Avenue repair to a concrete section of the street was opened for discussion. Ricky Morris stated if this repair is to be done patching is not the way to go. We have been told this would be a temporary fix and would have to be readdressed in a few years. The mayor agreed with Councilman Morris. Mr. Aderholt, Shelby County Highway Department, has looked at this situation and says although there is deterioration, it is slow and this project could probably be put off for a couple of more years. Don Davis made a motion to fix the problem with rebar reinforced concrete as was discussed at the last meeting; Terry Newman seconded. Larry Cohill asked if this job would be bid; the mayor replied it would. He then asked if the bids were high, could they all be rejected. Again, the answer was yes. The motion passed with the following vote: Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, no; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes. The mayor will contact Mr. Aderholt to help prepare specs for bidding the job.

Councilman Davis mentioned some potholes at the entrance to Helms Park which need attention. The mayor asked Roger Perry if that is something the Town workers can fix. He stated we have gravel which should be sufficient for that. The mayor will go to the park and look at the situation. This matter will be on the agenda for the May 2 meeting.

Council Agenda – There was none.

Council Comment

Larry Cohill stated Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church wants everyone to know how much love and support have been shown to their congregation from the community and beyond in their recent electrical problems at their sanctuary. Their land was surveyed at no cost; an architect looked at the building at no cost. Mr. Gordon Fluker has been a tremendous help. Donny Cook, Shelby County Electrical Inspector, came on his off day, Saturday, and did some work for free as well as supplying some materials which he personally donated. The church wants everyone to know how much all of this is appreciated. There is still good in this world!

Mr. Cohill also asked everyone to let local veterans know about the Mobile Veteran Center being in town May 25. Some veterans may be unaware of benefits available to them. The Center should be set up around 9:00 A. M., May 25.

Public Comment

Richard Atchison asked about the sidewalks. We have a new contact person, Geneva Brown, the mayor has been talking with. Another form had to be signed by Tom Saunders due to the type of concrete that will cross his driveway. This is in the process of approval. The mayor will ask about this at the ALDOT meeting on the 28th.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, Mayor

Attest