

The Wilsonville Town Council met in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall, Monday, May 23, 2016. 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, Calvin Gill, Patricia Johnson, Ricky Morris, Terry Newman.

The minutes of the May 02, 2016, meeting (mailed to the council members prior to the meeting) were reviewed. Calvin Gill made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented. Patricia Johnson seconded the motion which passed with the following vote: Dennis Blackerby, abstain; Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes.

Checks were examined by the councilmen 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: Dennis Blackerby, yes; Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes.

Mayoral Announcements

We have received an e-mail from ALDOT, and they plan to announce approval for the sidewalk to Oak Meadow Park at the park dedication Wednesday.

The mayor attended the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention in Huntsville and learned quite a bit. He got some ideas. There was discussion about municipalities spending money on private property. He also attended a legal seminar. There were no issues pertaining to us at that event.

The meter project is moving along. There are about five-hundred meters already installed. Hebb Road, Homestead, Fawn Meadows, Cove Road, Smith Camp, Mitchell Subdivision, and the Valentine area have been done. There will be a large crew working Thursday. The sign required by ADEM has been erected and will be up until ADEM approves the project after completion. The larger meters

will be installed toward the end of the project (school, Alabama Power, etc.)

The Park Dedication is shaping up. The governor may come a little early but will be leaving immediately after the program. Seven quilts of valor will be presented to area veterans and the governor. Larry Cohill reminded everyone the mobile veterans center will be here.

Council Agenda – There was none.

Council Comment

Calvin Gill stated he was never given the key to the restrooms at Yellowleaf Park. The mayor stated he made a mistake in promising the key. He was unaware teams were already using the field. We need to get a handle on who is using the field. We also need to reactivate the Park and Recreation Board. A legal document will need to be drawn up for renting the fields for use by travel teams. The mayor asked council members to be thinking about the Park and Recreation Board and suggest people to serve at the next meeting. Right now, Kevin Morris is the contact person for use of ball fields. There needs to be more open communication.

Public Comment

Jim Russ addressed the council concerning a flooding problem on his property behind Hudd's Food Center. There is a ditch which runs from Hudd's to Highway 25 across the Russ property. There is also brush growing all around the ditch and the manhole. Mr. Russ asked if the Town can dig out to open the ditch to the manhole. The mayor stated the council would have to approve any work done on private property. Roger Perry stated he has looked at the problem. Years ago, the ditch was about twelve inches deep but is now about six inches and is full of sediment, gravel, etc. There is a possibility water on Highway 25 could be hindering the flow. Roger will figure an estimated cost to correct and it will be presented at the next council meeting.

Lane Ross asked about tornado shelters for the Town, asking why there are none. Roger Perry stated we applied for EMA money several years ago but did not receive any. The mayor said if a shelter were built it would be for first responders before anyone else. He will look into the possibility of funding.

Jim Russ took the opportunity to thank Councilman Terry Newman and his family for doing work on his grandson's grave.

There being no further business to come before the council, Calvin Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Davis seconded, and all approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest