

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Tuesday, July 05, 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.

The minutes of the June 20, 2016, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members prior to this meeting) were reviewed. Calvin Gill made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; 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, abstain.

Councilman Davis presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Total Income	\$41,158.24
	Total Expenses	\$34,572.88
	Net Income	\$ 6,585.36
	Total Liquid Assets	\$1,179,142.37
WATER WORKS	Total Income	\$42,477.02
	Total Expenses	\$44,975.89
	Net Loss	\$ 2,498.87
	Total Liquid Assets	\$311,750.80

Checks were examined by the council members before the meeting. Patricia Johnson made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; Larry Cohill 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

The mayor has been receiving e-mails concerning the Town participating in the Alabama Bicentennial Celebration in 2019. If there is anyone interested in participating or planning an event, they need to contact the mayor or town hall employees.

Mayor McCarty met with Chad Cosby concerning the punch list for the park. Three dead trees will be replaced due to beetle infestation. Mr. Cosby was made aware of the other items on the list that need correction.

The town election will be Tuesday, August 23, 2016. Qualifying began today and will end Tuesday, July 19, 2016, 5:00 P. M.

The meter project is going well. Roger reported the equipment works very well. A few meters were installed backward. Only about ten meters did not read with the radio read equipment. There are a few kinks to work out. So far, there are only about five leaks created by the installation. Master meters were installed at the two trailer parks in town. A pay request for \$283,000.00 has been submitted to ADEM for the installation work. Roger Perry stated he thinks all the meters can be read in two hours with the new system; with the old system the reading took around two weeks.

The mayor met with ALDOT. He is still trying to address the problem of the narrow bridge on Highway 25 between Wilsonville and Columbiana. He is still trying to reach Todd Connell concerning the paving issue on Oakland Avenue to get some specs to bid out the job which is a concrete situation. Old Lokey Ferry Road and Lokey Lane have been paved. Councilman Newman stated the county did a good job there. We will be getting a bill from the county highway department for the paving on Lokey Lane.

The mayor addressed the problem with the drainage ditch at the Russ property. Roger Perry has looked at the ditch and thinks the clean-up can be accomplished with about three hours of backhoe work. The mayor asked Mr. Russ if he would be willing to pay any out of pocket expenses, should there be any, since some of the problem is on private property. Mr. Russ agreed to do so. Mr. Russ also stated the grating over the manhole into which the ditch drains needs to be cleaned out; debris there is contributing to the problem. Patricia Johnson made a motion the town clean out the ditch and manhole grating with Mr. Russ bearing any out of pocket expenses. 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.

Council Agenda – There was none.

Council Comment

Calvin Gill stated a water customer came to Town Hall and spoke with the Town Clerk about a problem with her bill. She was told there was nothing that could be done. Roger Perry stated there was a problem at that address which the customer was blaming on the installation of the new meters; however, the problem occurred prior to the installation process.

Dennis Blackerby asked about the culvert issue on Brothers Avenue. Deputy Bloom says he thinks it has been fixed. He will check on that tomorrow.

Larry Cohill stated Reverend Troy Holley, former pastor the First Baptist Church, passed away. Funeral services will be Friday in Alexander City.

Public Comment

Larry Lowe stated his water bill was eighteen to twenty per cent higher this month. Roger Perry said this is probably due to the difference in reading dates. His meter was read five or six days later in June than in May. All meters will now be read on or around the twentieth of each month.

Melissa Rosetta said the God and Country Celebration went well. She thanked the Fire Department, on behalf of the Civitan Club, for their help with the food.

The mayor stated there is a video of the park dedication on the town website.

Donna Baker said Mr. Kovakas is raising the rent on his trailer park tenants, most of whom are on fixed incomes. Is there anything that can be done about this?

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest