

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, November 21, 2016, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee McCarty at 6:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilman Larry Cohill.

The following council members answered roll call: Richard Atchison, Larry Cohill, Gordon Fluker, Ivan Greene, Ricky Morris, Blake Ray, and Melissa Rosetta.

The minutes of the November 07, 2016, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Melissa Rosetta made the following correction: page 6, council comment, paragraph two. Add thanks to Kay Ray who also worked on the reception. Melissa Rosetta made a motion to approve the minutes with the added correction; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Larry Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Council members examined checks immediately before the meeting. Richard Atchison asked if the amount of the check to The Kelley Group was included in the grant money. The mayor stated some of the fees are paid up front and then reimbursed with grant money at a later date. Blake Ray made a motion to mail the checks; Larry Cohill seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Larry Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayoral Announcements

The Christmas tree lighting ceremony is coming along. The tree was put up today with a good crowd of volunteer help. Karen McCarty, Barbara Lowe, and several other ladies served lunch to the workers. Mike Griffin has built a Christmas sleigh to go in the park; it will be placed there tomorrow. Barbara Lowe has signs and fliers to put out tomorrow, as well. The Crescendo Cats (Wilsonville Elementary School) singers and Joe Breckenridge will be performing. If it should rain, the date will be moved to Monday, December 05. December 05 is the next regularly scheduled council meeting. After some discussion, Ricky Morris made a motion to have the council meeting Tuesday, December 06, in the event the tree lighting is held December 05; Richard Atchison seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Larry Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayor McCarty asked the council members to consider changing the first meeting in January from the second to another date. The second will be a holiday for most people, including the town employees, due to New Year's Day falling on Sunday. After some discussion, Blake Ray made a motion to hold the first council meeting in January, 2017, on Tuesday, January 3. Melissa Rosetta seconded, and the motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Larry Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The mayor will meet with ALDOT officials Wednesday at 2:30 P. M. He will, once again, discuss the narrow bridge on Highway 25 and the two TAP grants for sidewalk construction.

Resolution Number 161121R (sidewalk construction to the post office) was introduced as follows:

TOWN OF WILSONVILLE

RESOLUTION 161121R

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama is applying for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for funds to create multi-modal infrastructure on Highway 25.

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville seeks to apply for \$400,000.00 from ALDOT;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville will provide a \$100,000.00 cash match;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville authorizes The Kelley Group to act as the engineer of record;

WHEREAS, the Town Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the TAP grant application prior to submission;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, adopted on this day the 21st of November, 2016.

E. LEE McCARTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

KAY RAY
Town Clerk

Gordon Fluker made a motion to adopt Resolution 161121R, as presented; Larry Cohill seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Larry Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The mayor reminded everyone of the total no burn order which is in effect until the drought ends. He reminded everyone to call and report any burning they see. He also said everyone should be very careful with cigarettes; do not throw them out of vehicle windows.

Mayor McCarty welcomed Wayne Morris, Visual Media, Incorporated, who is taping the meeting tonight. The first meeting of November is on the Town Website for viewing. In the future, meetings will be live-streamed on facebook.

Council members were reminded to go online and view the Ethics Commission video and to print the confirmation and return it to the clerk for filing.

Ordinance Number 161121 – Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Free Holiday was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 161121

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WILSONVILLE, ALABAMA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN “COVERED ITEMS” FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY, 2017, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2012-256, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY LEGISLATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WILSONVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions Act 2012-256 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2012 Regular Session, providing for a State Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama, exempts “covered items” from municipal sales and use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in February, 2017 (February 24, 2017) and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday (February 26, 2017).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2012-256, except that the time period shall only be as specified in Section 1 above **and not for all years thereafter.**

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance under the seal of the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama, and to forward said certified copy to the Alabama Department of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Department website.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective on the 21st day of January, 2017.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF November, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Town Clerk

Ivan Greene made a motion to adopt Ordinance 161121, as presented; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Larry Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Montgomery Lokey addressed the council concerning property he owns on Old Lokey Ferry Road. This farm land has been in his family for one-hundred years. He is interested in developing the property as a residential area. He plans to do this in phases, and he would like to annex the property into the Town in order to insure water and garbage service. Parcels one and three, he plans to divide into one and a half to three acre lots. Parcel three is riverfront property. There are about ninety acres in all. In three to six months, he should have a master plan. He has been working with Carr and Associates Engineers, Incorporated, in Pelham. He has talked to Kristine Goddard, Shelby County Development Services and to the Alabama Power Environmental Department. He plans to name the subdivision Lokey's Landing. Mr. Lokey stated he is trying to move in an orderly fashion and go slowly. The property is contiguous to the current town limits.

Charles Gibson, who owns property adjoining Mr. Lokey's property, says he will ask for annexation later. There is over one-hundred-sixty acres in both properties. He stated this is being done precisely and planned carefully.

Gordon Fluker made a motion to proceed with the annexation requested by Mr. Lokey; Ivan Greene seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Larry Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayor McCarty nominated Richard Atchison to be the council representative on the Planning and Zoning Board. Ricky Morris seconded the nomination. Mr. Atchison was elected with the following vote: Richard Atchison, abstain; Larry Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Council Agenda

Melissa Rosetta asked about the fence at the back of Oak Meadow Park. Roger Perry stated it needs replacing at this time. Chain link fencing was mentioned as well as chain link with blinds. Vinyl fencing was mentioned. Blake Ray stated there are composite material options, as well, and that material will not rot. The fence is between one-hundred-fifty and two-hundred feet long. Roger will look into the options.

Council Comment

Richard Atchison asked if there is a way to research the minutes other than reading all of them. There is not.

Larry Cohill said he is still looking at playground equipment for Oak Meadow Park, specifically swing sets with swings for special needs children included. These items are quite expensive. He asked if, perhaps, there was grant money available to help with this. The mayor stated he would like to have some benches and checker board tables for Central Park. He mentioned the possibility of bidding out all the items at one time.

Public Comment

Larry Lows said Christmas lights will be added to DJ's Restaurant. More lights may have to be purchased. He asked how many sections of the stage need to be put up for the tree lighting next Monday. It was decided three or four sections should be enough; there are five sections in all. The stage will be put up Monday morning.

Anne Phelps asked when garbage/recycling will be picked up the week of Thanksgiving. The clerk said it will be picked up Friday. She also asked if fliers about the Civitan Christmas Bazaar could be put at Town Hall. The clerk said they could be put on the mail cart in the foyer.

Ms. Phelps asked about asking owners to clean up their property. The mayor said the town attorney, Bill Justice, is working on two ordinances now concerning cleaning up property and getting rid of dilapidated buildings. The dilapidated building issue will be a little more complicated and will require a five member board to address complaints. Ms. Phelps asked how the members of the board will be selected.

Donna Baker stated vinyl fencing at Oak Meadow would probably turn green very quickly since the fence is located in a shady, damp area.

There being no further business to come before the council, Ivan Greene made a motion to adjourn. Gordon Fluker seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest