

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Monday, September 19, 2016, in the Council Assembly 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: Larry Cohill, Don Davis, Calvin Gill, Patricia Johnson, Ricky Morris, Terry Newman. Dennis Blackerby was not present.

The minutes of the September 06, 2016, regular council meeting (mailed to 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: Larry Cohill, yes; Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Patricia Johnson, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Terry Newman, yes.

Checks were examined immediately before this meeting. Ricky Morris made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; 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.

Mayoral Announcements

We still have not received approval for the sidewalk project. Kelley Taft has been assured the approval will be issued tomorrow. The mayor will be meeting with ALDOT Thursday, September 29, 2016, and he will certainly bring it up again if approval has not been granted by that date.

AT&T is doing some work on their vault at the edge of Highway 25 near the New Building. They are raising the vault and doing some maintenance work, we think.

The mayor has been talking with town attorney, Bill Justice, about tweaking our ordinances on weed abatement and dilapidated building abatement. Some changes need to be made, such as stating who will serve papers on these matters. The Town may need to set up a separate board to be involved in these situations. The Board and the Council would both vote on these matters. A lot of due process needs to be required. We want to be absolutely certain everything is done properly.

Mayor McCarty has been talking with the Alabama League of Municipalities about business license fees. If a building is occupied, the license would be less than if the building is unoccupied. This is a work in progress and will probably be discussed, at length, at future council meetings.

The Birmingham Regional Planning Commission is pushing hard for an ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) review of all town owned and operated facilities. An inspection will be required, and the Planning Commission is sponsoring help with the inspection and the formulation of a plan for corrections where necessary.

2017 budgets was the next item on the agenda.

The General Fund budget was briefly reviewed. This budget was discussed at the September 09 council meeting. The mayor asked if there were any changes or suggestions concerning the budget. There were none. Patricia Johnson made a motion to adopt the FY2107 budget for General fund as follows:

General Fund	Total Income	\$775,076.00
	Total Expense	\$772,750.00
	Net	\$ 2,326.00
	Reservation of Prior Years	
	Excess Revenues	0
	Adjusted Net	\$ 2,326.00

Larry Cohill seconded the motion. 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.

Prior to discussing the 2017 Water Works budget, the mayor suggested paying an extra payment on the principal of the loan before the beginning of fiscal year 2017. After some discussion, Calvin Gill made a motion to pay \$85,000.00 from the Water Works and \$12,500.00 from General Fund on the existing water debt. By doing this, the debt may be paid in full by the end of next year. Patricia Johnson 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.

The 2017 proposed Water Works budget was reviewed line by line. Following the review, Larry Cohill made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget for the Water Works as follows:

Water Works	Total Income	\$516,500.00
	Total Expense	\$506,855.00
	Net	\$ 9,645.00
	Reservation of Prior Years	
	Excess Revenues	0
	Adjusted Net	\$ 9,645.00

Calvin Gill seconded the motion. 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.

The 2017 proposed Library budget was reviewed, after which Ricky Morris made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget for Library as follows:

Library	Total Income	\$29,675.00
	Total Expense	\$28,410.00
	Net	\$ 1,265.00
	Reservation of Prior Years	
	Excess Revenues	0
	Adjusted Net	\$ 1,265.00

Calvin Gill seconded the motion. 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.

The 2017 proposed Cemetery budget was reviewed. Following the review Patricia Johnson made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget for the Cemetery as follows:

Cemetery	Total Income	\$10,800.00
	Total Expense	\$ 7,970.00

Net	\$ 2,830.00
Reservation of Prior Years	
Excess Revenues	0
Adjusted Net	\$ 2,830.00

Don Davis seconded the motion. 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.

The Cantrell zoning violation was discussed. The Cantrell family live on Niven Street which is zoned R-1, single family residential. They have a number of chickens, as well as a pig, on their property which is not allowed in R-1 Zoning. Shelby County Development Services has issued three letters to them concerning this violation. The first letter was about the chickens, and the second and third letters were about the chickens and the pig. Councilman Morris visited the Cantrell couple, and they have assured him they will get rid of the animals. The mayor asked if the council wished to turn this matter over to the town attorney for further action. Terry Newman stated the family has definitely had adequate notice of the problem. Terry Newman made a motion to turn this zoning violation over to the town attorney; Patricia Johnson 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.

Council Agenda - There was none.

Council Comment – There was none.

Public Comment

Joyce Saxon asked why there was no testing of the emergency siren the first Wednesday of September. Is there a problem with the siren? Roger Perry stated sometimes, if the 911 personnel are exceptionally busy, they do not do the test. He does not think there is any problem.

Mrs. Saxon also asked if there are no longer EMTs based in Wilsonville. She made a 911 call and the EMTs had to come from Columbiana. She was billed \$800.00 for the service and does not understand why. Richard Atchison stated all the fire department services in Wilsonville are volunteer and sometimes all the EMT personnel are out of town or at work. Terry Newman asked her if she was transported to the hospital. She was. Transporting is what the charge was for, not the response to the call.

Richard Atchison reported the hole in McGowan Road (entering the cemetery) has been repaired. He drove over it himself and did not fall in.

Mr. Atchison also stated he is no tree expert, but three more trees seem to be dying in Central Park and two are replacement trees for ones which have died. There are numerous lights out at the park. The anchors installed to hold the Christmas tree up are inadequate. Where the concrete cracks were patched, the concrete moves. The mayor will speak with Mr. Cosby about these issues.

Anne Phelps asked if the trees are on a twenty-four/seven water drip. They are being watered, but no one knew if it was twenty-four/seven.

Barry Sims asked if the water meter project is completed. Roger Perry said not quite one-hundred percent but close.

Dianne Dill asked if the large sign about the meter project could be removed. The State put the sign up and they will take it down.

Barry Sims asked about the sale of the old water meters. Mr. Perry stated they have not been sold yet.

Joyce Saxon stated Tim Pesnell and Danny Edwards are doing a good job at the parks.

There being no further business to come before the council, Don Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion met with unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest