

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Monday, April 17, 2017, 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 Ricky Morris.

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

The minutes of the April 03, 2017, council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Blake Ray made the following correction to the minutes: page 2, final paragraph, add the following: Blake Ray suggested decisions about events at Central Park go through the Recreation Board. With that correction being noted, Gordon Fluker made a motion to approve the minutes; 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.

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Ricky Morris made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; Melissa Rosetta 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.

Ordinance Number 170417 – Sales Tax Holiday was introduced as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 170417

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WILSONVILLE, ALABAMA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN “COVERED ITEMS” FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE THIRD FULL WEEKEND OF JULY, 2017, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2006-574, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE SALES TAX HOLIDAY LEGISLATION.

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

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions Act 2006-574 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2006 Regular Session, providing for a State 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 third Friday of July, 2017 (July 21, 2017) and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday (July 23, 2017).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2006-574, 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 July 1, 2017.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF April, 2017.

E. L. McCarty, Mayor

Attest: Town Clerk

The mayor stated most of the surrounding towns and cities participate in the tax free holiday and he does not want to put our businesses at a disadvantage. The date for the tax free holiday has been changed from the first weekend in August to the third weekend in July this year; the date is set by the Alabama Department of Revenue. Richard Atchison made a motion to adopt Ordinance 170417, as presented; 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.

Mayoral Announcements

The animal vaccine clinic will be Saturday, April 22, at the Wilsonville Elementary School. It is a drive-through. This has been successful each year.

There was a nice turn-out for the Community Sunrise Service at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church Sunday morning. It was a very nice service and delicious breakfast.

The sidewalk work is ongoing. The contractor agreed to remove the fence posts along Hebb Road and fill in the holes. Richard Atchison mentioned water is collecting in the parking lot worse than usual; this may need to be addressed with the contractor. Triple J has not yet cashed our check for the first payment; therefore, we cannot apply for re-imbusement.

There was a major water break on Hebb Road last Thursday. Since the water was already off due to the break, we installed a new valve to replace a valve that was in Hebb Road and would have posed problems with the county paving project. Roger Perry stated there are two service line leaks in Homestead Subdivision to be fixed.

The mayor asked that Eva Boyles be reappointed to the Library Board for another term. A motion was made by Richard Atchison to approve the appointment; 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 asked that Gail Sprayberry be reappointed to the Cemetery Committee for another term. Blake Ray made a motion to approve the appointment; Gordon Fluker 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 will be attending an ALDOT meeting Thursday, April 27. He is hoping the ALDOT Commissioner will remain in that position since there is a new administration in Montgomery. We do have the signed document about the bridge replacement on Highway 25.

Roger Perry reported the Shelby County Highway Department is in the planning stages of replacing the one-lane bridge on Highway 441. They will construct a by-pass for use during construction. Our water main may have to be moved. This work will be done by a contractor at little or no cost to the Town. If they can obtain property at Highway 441 and Highway 25, they also plan to straighten out the intersection to a ninety degree turn. The start date has not been set.

The mayor met with Columbiana Mayor Stencil Handley and Shelby County Arts Council Director, Bruce Andrews about trying to set up an event at Central Park soon. Three on a String was mentioned as a possibility. There is an Arts Council meeting this Wednesday. They would like to have representatives from the surrounding communities involved.

Larry Cohill, Gordon Fluker, and the mayor have visited the parks to assess needs. They would like to purchase a swing set to be placed at the back of Oak Meadow Park. We will check with Wilsonville Elementary to see where theirs was purchased. In the right hand corner of Oak Meadow, near the small gate entrance, another apparatus geared toward older children will be placed. This would leave the middle of the park an open field. These items will be professionally installed. For Central Park, two checkerboard tables, four benches, and two trash bins will be purchased. Two additional picnic tables will be purchased for Helms Park.

The mayor stated the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention will be in session Monday, May 22, which is the regularly scheduled date for the second council meeting in May. He asked if the meeting could be held Tuesday, May 23, instead. Ivan Greene made a motion to hold the second council meeting in May on Tuesday, May 23; 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.

Council Agenda – There was none.

Council Comment

Rickard Atchison asked if the well number four property had been declared excess property in a previous administration. It has been so declared. There is one acre of land as well as the well house. Adjoining property is currently for sale. This would be a good time to try again to sell this property. The mayor will check on listing the property. We are paying a monthly power bill there unnecessarily.

Gordon Fluker announced the Baptist Church will be having a large yard sale May 5th and 6th. They will take any donations to be sold and invite all to come and shop.

Ivan Greene announced the Civitan Club is having a Vidalia Onion Sale (ten pounds for ten dollars). The onions should be delivered May 11.

Blake Ray said he has spoken with Shelby County Commissioner Kevin Morris about the Highway 25 bridge project. Roads/bridges are not in Mr. Morris' assigned responsibilities, but he is talking to the other commissioners trying to get their support. Mayor McCarty thanked Blake for contacting Commissioner Morris.

Blake Ray asked about the contract with the Shelby County IT Department. The mayor stated we have received the signed contract in the mail, pending approval of the county commission. Mayor McCarty will call tomorrow to follow up on this. Mr. Ray said this would be very beneficial to the Fire Department.

Public Comment

Larry Lowe asked why we are paying for power at well number four when it is not being used. Can the well be used, and if not, why not cut the power off? Richard Atchison stated we cannot use the well.

Lane Ross said there is water on Hebb Road around Kirksey Road. The clerk has had a complaint about this; the complainer said a washing machine is being drained outside and running down Hebb Road.

Larry Lowe said he lost a mirror on the Highway 25 narrow bridge today. He turned around and tried unsuccessfully to find the other driver.

There being no further business to come before the council, Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Larry Cohill seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest