

The Wilsonville Town Council met Tuesday, May 23, 2017, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. Mayor Lee McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilman Gordon Fluker.

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 May 01, 2017, meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Ivan Greene made a motion to accept the minutes, 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.

Checks were examined by the council members immediately before this meeting. Gordon Fluker 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.

Rhonda Sykes would like to be appointed to another term on the Wilsonville Beautification Board. Richard Atchison made a motion to appoint Mrs. Sykes; 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.

Matt Jones, Music Minister, Wilsonville Baptist Church, spoke about the annual God and Country Celebration, Sunday evening, June 25. The Tribute Quartet will be coming to sing, and there will be singing by locals, as well. He mentioned the fireworks expense has gone up. Last year, contributions were up from local businesses, individuals, and churches to support the event. He stressed this is a community event; everyone is welcome. The Town will provide food for the event.

The Town Clerk went over uncollectible utility accounts for 2016. The total amount was \$2,078.87 (water, \$1,069.31; sewer, \$251.33; garbage, \$417.26; late charges, \$254.15; service charges, \$45.00; Tax, \$41.82). This is less than one percent of the total billed. Should any of these people reapply for water service in the future, the uncollectible amount would have to be paid along with a new deposit. Richard Atchison made a motion to write off the uncollectible debt; 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.

Mayoral Announcements

There is a sink hole at 280 Hebb Road, very near a water main. The top of the hole is about three feet wide, and it widens as it goes down. It is about five feet deep at this time. Since it is so near a water main, we would have prescriptive easement. Roger Perry plans to get some rip rap material to put in the hole and then fill in with gravel and dirt.

The monthly ALDOT meeting, is Thursday, May 25, at which time the mayor will discuss, once again, the Highway 25 bridge replacement.

The mayor attended the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention this past weekend and Monday.

The Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation did a presentation at the convention. The mayor has a copy of the annual report for AMIC if anyone is interested in looking at it. AMIC was formed when national insurance companies would not write policies for municipalities, and they deal only in insuring municipalities. The Town has insurance with AMIC, and the mayor plans to continue that.

Mayor McCarty also learned about the Keep Alabama Beautiful Program. This program offers free materials for clean-up (gloves, bags, grabbers, etc.). The municipality would need to sign up, appoint someone to be in charge, and do quarterly reports. If the regulations are not obeyed, the Town would be charged for any materials provided.

The United States Census is to be done in 2020. There is certain data Towns will need to collect ahead of that date. In 2020, if people refuse to fill out the forms and return them or to answer the survey provided, they will not be counted. It is vital Wilsonville get an accurate count; we are very close to having 2,000 residents which will move us from being a town to being a city. The city designation might help us in getting more grant monies. We may need to hire part time help in order to collect the necessary data. The mayor will talk to Shelby County officials to see what they plan to do concerning this matter countywide, and we will proceed from there.

There were three things that surprised other mayors in the state about Wilsonville. We do not have as many safety issues as some others, for instance, no physical fights at council meetings. We are not broke. We live stream out council meeting on Facebook.

The mayor has talked with realtor, Larry Cain, concerning the excess property the Town owns on Highway 61 (approximately one acre, a well, and a well house). Adjacent property is for sale, and we hope to sell our property, as well.

The sidewalk is ongoing. The recent rains have slowed work somewhat. The project should be complete in about one month, weather permitting.

Reverend Steve Thomas, Wilsonville Baptist Church, was honored with a reception last Sunday, for being the pastor for twenty years. He and his family are an asset to our community.

There is a Shelby County Mayor's meeting, Tuesday, May 30.

Council Agenda – There was none.

Council Comment

Gordon Fluker stated his appreciation for the new United States Flag in Central Park. He also stated there seem to be five dead trees in Central Park which will need to be replaced.

Mr. Fluker also stated the Baptist Church now has to hire a company to do the fireworks for the God and Country Celebration. The application from the fire marshal's office has an application fee. He asked who would be responsible for paying the fee. The church has not paid it in the past, nor has the Town. The mayor stated the fire works company would probably be responsible for that.

Mr. Fluker also addressed the purchase of new playground equipment, benches, etc. Would we need to put out a bid package for this? If so, he would be glad to prepare the bid package. Roger Perry said we might want to include new bleachers for the Bobby Boyles Field at Helms Park in that package. The present bleachers are wooden and are in bad shape. Aluminum bleachers would be longer lasting.

Ivan Greene said there is a dead tree at Oak Meadow Park which needs some attention. It is near the bleachers.

Public Comment

Larry Lowe said his wife, Barbara, would like permission to prepare a nice wreath to place at Central Park on Memorial Day. Everyone agreed that would be appreciated.

Lauren Kennemer, Larry Byrd, and Lisa Byre, residents of Wilson Glenn Subdivision, are having continual problems with young people driving into and parking in Helms Park and then walking into their yards in the subdivision at night. They also do doughnuts with their vehicles at the park, try to enter the concession stand, and were even seen on top of the concession stand once. This seems to start between 8:30 and 9:30 P. M. Deputy Bloom has been to the park and can see trails into the neighborhood. He has asked that evening patrols be done by the sheriff's office. The mayor stated we may need to install security cameras. He is also considering talking with the sheriff about contracting for additional hours. Councilman Fluker suggested setting some park hours and posting signs to that effect.

The Wilson Glen residents also asked if something can be done about the upkeep of the unsold lots in the subdivision. They are so overgrown, it is impossible for two cars to meet on the streets. Mrs. Kennemer's father brought his tractor and pushed some of the growth back, but this is not his responsibility. The mayor stated the owner, David Acton Building, should be responsible. We now have a weed abatement ordinance, which should be enforceable, to address such problems. This could involve hiring someone to clear the area and attaching a lien against the property, if necessary.

There being no further business to come before the council, Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gordon Fluker seconded, and the motion received unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, Mayor

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