

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, October 02, 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 Larry Cohill.

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 September 18, 2017, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Gordon Fluker made a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

Councilman Fluker presented the September Treasurer's Report as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Total Income	\$46,701.02
	Total Expense	\$59,439.29
	Net Income	-\$12,738.27

We had one payment for the sidewalk project for which we have not been reimbursed.

	Total Liquid Assets	\$1,481,014.97
WATER WORKS	Total Income	\$40,056.43
	Total Expenses	\$62,987.87
	Net Income	-\$22,931.44

Two water bills to the City of Columbiana were paid in one month, and the loan at SouthPoint Bank was paid off.

	Total Liquid Assets	\$323,639.68
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Outgoing checks were examined by the council members immediately before the meeting. Ricky Morris 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 mayor had a meeting with ALDOT, September 28. The Highway 25 bridge project is still a go. The bids will be in January, bid opening in April, and start construction in June. According to Shelby County Commissioner Kevin Morris and Shelby County Engineer Randy Cole, the Shelby County Commission will do a twenty per cent match on the bridge project.

On October 07, the mayor will be attending Leadership Shelby County.

On October 19, the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce will host Coffee With the Mayor, here, beginning at 8:30 A. M.

The Christmas tree lighting will be Monday, November 27. The singing group, Redeem, will be coming.

There is an ADEM meeting on October 20.

The Shelby County mayors will be speaking at the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce meeting, October 25.

The Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce is asking for money from all the municipalities for participation in Shelby 1, an organization which will be recruiting industry and small businesses. This organization is replacing the Shelby County Industrial Development Board. Wilsonville is being asked to contribute \$1,500.00. This will be discussed, in more detail, at a later date.

Frank Chitwood, Staff Riverkeeper, with Coosa Riverkeeper addressed the council. He stated his organization tests the water in several locations for swimming and fishing. The lake in this area is safe for swimming. Fish in the lake should not be eaten. He addressed the issue of coal ash at E. C. Gaston Steam Plant. The coal ash is stored in large ponds and contains mercury, cadmium, and other toxic metals. These toxins could eventually be in the ground water and the river. E. C. Gaston has the largest quantity of carcinogens released into the environment. Alabama Power is proposing capping the ponds which cover two-hundred-seventy acres that could never be developed for any other purpose. He also pointed out the Town of Wilsonville has numerous violations at its sewer plant and has been fined for this. There is a possible law suit in the works concerning these matters. Mr. Chitwood has asked the individual who is planning to sue to wait until he can try to work out the issues with the Town. The mayor asked for questions or comments from the council. Councilman Fluker stated the mayor and council members attended a luncheon at E. C. Gaston Steam Plant at which the ash pond issue was discussed. There are 23,000,000 cubic yards of coal ash involved which would take fifty-five years to haul off in trucks. Next year, the ponds will be totally dry. In his opinion, it would be prudent to cap and leave in place. The mayor stated South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia are removing ash to lined landfills. Alabama Power is the only entity suggesting capping and leaving in place. Mr. Fluker also pointed out when the ash ponds were constructed, all the requirements available were met.

Due to WastePro raising rates on the contract we have with them, an amendment to our ordinance concerning rates was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE # 071105 – 2
AMENDMENT
2017

Section 6. Fees and Charges

(d) Fees for residential service are as follows:

- \$12.40 per month for one roll-out cart per each residential unit
- \$26.80 per month for two roll-out carts per each residential unit
- \$12.40 per month for each additional cart in excess of two per residential unit

(e) Fees for business or industrial service are as follows:

Once a week pickup:	4 yard dumpster	\$ 67.00 per month
	6 yard dumpster	\$ 90.00 per month
	8 yard dumpster	\$115.00 per month

Additional rate increases are to be applied on an annual basis. at the beginning of each fiscal year (October 1), reflecting the amount equal to the National Consumer Price Index of the previous year.

Twice a week pickup:	4 yard dumpster	\$120.00 per month
	6 yard dumpster	\$165.00 per month
	8 yard dumpster	\$200.00 per month

Additional rate increases are to be applied on an annual basis, at the beginning of each fiscal year (October 1), reflecting the amount equal to the National Consumer Price index of the previous year.

This amendment will become effective November 01, 2017.

Gordon Fluker made a motion to adopt the amendment to Ordinance Number 071105 – 2, Section 6, Subsections d and e, as presented above. Ivan Greene seconded the motion. 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 amendment will be posted in three places, as required by law, by the Town Clerk.

Budget for the Sanitation Department will need to be changed to reflect the new rates. The revised budget was reviewed and discussed. Ricky Morris made a motion to adopt the 2018 Sanitation Department as follows:

Sanitation	Total Income	\$150,685.00
	Total Expenses	\$150,195.00
	Net	\$ 490.00
	Reservation of Prior Years	
	Excess Revenues	0
	Adjusted Net	\$ 490.00

Larry Cohill seconded the motion. 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.

Barbara Lowe spoke about the Wreaths Across America project sponsored by the Wilsonville Fine Arts Club. The three town cemeteries have been registered. The Fine Arts Club will begin selling wreaths next week. The purpose of this project is to honor, remember, and teach about veterans and their service to the country. Mrs. Lowe said there are activities to involve the school children in the project. December 16, there will be a ceremony at Central Park after which the wreaths will be placed in the cemeteries on the graves of veterans. We will need one-hundred-forty to one-hundred-fifty wreaths, and they are \$15.00 each.

Council Agenda

The Oak Meadow Park fence was discussed. Councilman Atchison distributed a drawing of the fence showing the dimensions. The back side of the fence is longer than he thought. Councilman Fluker will have specs for bidding ready for the next council meeting and hopes to have the bid package done then. We will ask for two bids: one for the fence along Hebb Road and the parking lot area, and one for the entire fence.

Councilman Atchison asked about the punch list for the sidewalk project. He asked if the standing water issues are on the punch list. They are not.

Public Comment

Charlene Campbell asked where the E. C. Gaston ash would go if it is moved. Would it go on the property recently purchased by Alabama Power Company on Highway 441? She stated the Power Company will lie to you and are very secretive. She says she has personally been harassed by the Power Company. She also had questions about the bridge replacement on Highway 441. That is a Shelby County Highway Department project, not a Town project.

Larry Lowe asked about the status of the town's bucket truck. This truck will be needed to put up Christmas lights and the tree. Repairs need to be made as soon as possible.

Karen McCarty asked if wreaths for the Wreathes Across America could be purchased to be placed at other cemeteries. Frances Phelps stated there are strict rules and regulations that must be followed.

Anne Phelps mentioned some comments on the Face Book page concerning Wilsonville. There were comments on the delays on Highway 25 due to the paving work. The mayor stated that is an ALDOT project over which the Town has no control. She said there was a request for speed limit signs on Landings Lane due to speeders. Landings Lane is a short cul-de-sac street and does not warrant speed limit signs. It was suggested by Councilman Atchison that a "Slow, Children Playing" sign be placed there. There was also a question about whether the sidewalk will be extended to the railroad track. This will probably not happen because there would have to be crosswalk on South Main Street (Highway 61) and a stop sign which is not going to be approved by the county.

There was a question about the timeline for the bridge replacement on Highway 441. Roger Perry stated the submittal date for bids was about a week ago. It is his understanding the unofficial start date is November.

Wayne Morris reported two-hundred-seven views of the September 18 meeting on face book.

There being no further business to come before the council, Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Blake Ray seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

E. L. McCarty, Mayor

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