

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Monday, October 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 Ivan Greene.

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 October 02, 2017 regular meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Gordon Fluker made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; Larry Cohill seconded. The motion was approved 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; 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

There is a Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce meeting, Wednesday, October 25. Shelby County Manager Alex Dudchock will be speaking.

The October 19 Coffee With the Mayor is on the face book page as well as the website for viewing.

The mayor expressed his thanks to April Stone, South Shelby Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, and the Chelsea Coffeehouse for hosting the Coffee With the Mayor.

Wayne Morris reported there were three-hundred-ninety-one viewers last council meeting.

The Christmas tree lighting will be Monday, November 27, at Central Park.

The Wreathes Across America project will be Saturday, December 16.

Mike Godfrey, Alabama Power Company, addressed the meeting concerning the coal ash pond at E. C. Gaston Steam Plant. He stressed the coal ash is not considered hazardous material. On the Alabama Power website, there is information about the design, structural integrity, etc. of the existing dam and pond. The decision to close the ponds was made in 2015. The Environmental Protection Agency offered two options for closing the ponds: close in place, close by removal. To close in place, the pond would be capped with eighteen inches of clay and six inches of top soil with either grass planted or artificial grass installed and the ground water would be monitored for thirty years by Alabama Power Company. Removal at E. C. Gaston would take fifty years due to the large amount of ash that is there. Two-thirds of the pond is dry at this time. Mayor McCarty asked when the ground water test results would be published. In February. Councilman Fluker stated he does not think the risk is large at all; the ash, when dry, turns into a dirt like substance. There were other questions and comments from those in attendance. The mayor thanked Mr. Godfrey for coming.

The Tax Free Holiday for Severe Weather Ordinance was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 171023

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, 2018, 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, 2018 (February 23, 2018) and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday (February 25, 2018).

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 January, 2018.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF October, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____ -
Town Clerk

Richard Atchison made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 171023, as presented.
Ricky Morris 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 bucket truck was discussed. Roger Perry reported the PTO on the truck is coming apart and would cost between \$2,500.00 and \$3,000.00 to repair. We recently put two new tires on the truck and spent money on brake work. In his opinion, there will be more problems; the truck is simply worn out. The options would be to purchase another bucket truck, a Lull forklift, or some other kind of man lift. We will need some piece of equipment in less than a month for putting up the Christmas decorations. Ricky Morris made a motion to rent something this year, that we may be interested in buying in the future, try it out, and then decide on a permanent solution; 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. Larry Lowe and Roger Perry will meet and decide exactly what to rent.

Councilman Fluker presented the bid package for fencing at Oak Meadow Park. The clerk will mail the package tomorrow to the four prospective bidders. The bids will be opened at the November 20 council meeting.

The mayor presented a request from Shelby One Next Level Up (replacing the county industrial development board) for participation by the Town. This is being sponsored by the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce to recruit a mix of retail, commercial and industrial firms to the area. The cost will be \$1,500.00 a year for five years and can be cancelled at any time. In answer to a question about availability of property in town, the mayor stated there is property and several empty buildings which could be used. Melissa Rosetta stated she thought we should participate, at least for one year. Melissa Rosetta made a motion the Town participate in the Shelby One Next Level Up program for one year, revisiting the issue after that. Larry Cohill seconded, and the motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, no; Larry Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Councilman Fluker stated the checkerboard tables and trash receptacles have been installed at Central Park. The two additional picnic tables are at Helms Park. Footings will need to be dug this week for the installation of the benches.

Council Agenda – There was none.

Council Comment

Blake Ray asked if there was any news concerning the sale of the well and property on Highway 61. No interest has been shown.

Public Comment

Larry Lowe stated purchases for the Wreathes Across America project can now be made. If you are purchasing with a check, the check should be made out to Wreathes Across America. These purchases can be made from any Fine Arts Club member.

Councilman Fluker said everyone needs to spread the word about the tree lighting date of November 20 and the group, Redeemed, who will be coming to sing that night.

Larry Lowe said volunteers will be needed to help put the Christmas tree up. A time will be announced later.

Robin Griffin asked if publicity for the Christmas events will be forthcoming. It will.

A gentleman complained about a dog next door to him that is tied to a tree, has no shelter available and barks all the time. The mayor told him to contact Town Hall and the enforcement officer will be asked to contact the owners, talk to them, and try to resolve the issue.

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 8:03 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest