

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, January 22, 2018, 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 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 January 09, 2018, meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Gordon Fluker made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented; Ivan Greene 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. There was a question about a check for \$12,690.00 to the Shelby County Commission for the new communication system which is in the works. Was there a breakdown to show exactly what the money was going toward? The mayor stated this is Wilsonville's share of expenses for the system. The upgrade should be finished by the end of 2018. There has been a problem with emergency personnel receiving calls if they are inside a building; the new system should solve that. The mayor also mentioned the need for improved WIFI/Broadband service in Wilsonville. To offer this to the entire community would be a four to five million dollar project, but maybe, the downtown area could be served by these improved services. There was also a question about a check to the Shelby County Development Office concerning a meeting on the Lokey Landing Subdivision. The mayor said the meeting was attended by Kristine Goddard, a Shelby County engineer, Mr. Lokey, and the mayor. The county officials offered some suggestions to Mr. Lokey about how things must be done.

Mayoral Announcements

The mayor asked everyone to reply to the invitation to the annual Safety Meeting/Banquet. The First Baptist Church needs a headcount as soon as possible.

Mayor McCarty will be going to Montgomery tomorrow to meet with state legislators. He plans to pursue the WIFI/Broadband issue at that time.

Grady Parsons, Living Water Systems, has the annual MWPP Report prepared. He will probably be on the agenda for the first meeting in February to present the report to the council.

Frances "Skeet" Phelps was awarded the Citizen of the Year Diamond Award at the January meeting of the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to her!

The Shelby County mayors will speak at the next meeting of the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce in Pelham.

There was a huge fire downtown in the early morning hours last Wednesday. The home was a total loss. Everyone was able to get out of the house with no injuries. Blake Ray stated the fire department did the best they could under the circumstances (two inches of snow and very icy conditions). Response time was slightly delayed.

Council Agenda – there was none

Council Comment

Gordon Fluker stated the fence installation at Oak Meadow has begun. The weather has not been cooperating. He thinks the job will be completed by the end of this week.

The flag at Central Park was discussed. Councilman Fluker said there is a heavier fabric flag for \$350.00 and a nylon flag for \$250.00. The nylon flag is reported to fly better but not last as long. Larry Cohill made a motion to purchase the \$350.00 flag and see if it lasts longer than nylon, which is what we have now. Then a decision can be made about which flag to purchase from now on. Ivan Greene seconded the motion which 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.

Melissa Rosetta asked about the new Welcome to Wilsonville signs which were discussed some time ago. The mayor stated Sue Whitfield had been told Alabama Power Company was going to provide the signs, but he has not heard anything else about the matter. Mrs. Whitfield will be contacted about this.

Ivan Greene announced there will be a Quilts of Valor Presentation at Wilsonville Methodist Church this Sunday, beginning at 10:30 A. M. Reverend Joe Stone will deliver a sermon and will also receive one of the quilts, and he and his brother will sing. There will be sixteen quilts presented to local veterans. Everyone is invited to attend.

Larry Cohill said high speed internet service is in the works on the federal level as well as the state level. Ivan Greene commented there is a lot of infrastructure involved, a lot of expense involved, and a very complicated process involved to provide these services.

Public Comment

Larry Lowe asked whose responsibility it is to remove the timers for the Christmas lights on the buildings in town. Roger Perry stated he has removed four and will work on getting the rest. Larry Cohill has removed the one at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Joyce Saxon said the library has WIFI and high speed internet available for public use. There are six new computers and a new printer in the library. It costs a little over \$400.00 a month through Harrison Regional Library for these services.

Mayor McCarty said he would like to have WIFI and high speed internet available from Helms Park to Oak Meadow Park which would include both fire stations. Getting these services for the outlying areas will be harder to do.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest