

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Monday, March 19, 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 Blake Ray.

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 March 5, 2018, meeting, which had been mailed to the council members before this meeting, were reviewed. Gordon Fluker made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; Ricky Morris 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.

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

Catherine Cannon, representing Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, presented the 2017 audit report. We, once again, received a clean audit. Mrs. Cannon pointed out the audit is getting more and more complicated due to new requirements. She went over the audit report, presenting several charts for easier understanding. Ivan Greene made a motion to accept the audit report; 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.

Matt Jones, Wilsonville Baptist Church, spoke about the annual God and Country Celebration, to be held June 24. He stated the expense for the fireworks display is going up each year and is now \$4,000.00. A donor has given \$1,500.00 with the hope of matching that amount by April 12. Local businesses and churches make contributions, as well. The last two years, donations have increased. The program will consist of local talent this year in an effort to scale back on the budget.

Mayoral Announcements

The Easter Sunrise Service will be at Wilsonville Baptist Church this year, beginning at 6:00 A. M. Breakfast will follow the service.

The mayor will be attending an ALDOT meeting, Thursday, March 29. He hopes to find out when the Highway 25 bridge improvement project will begin and a payment schedule for the project.

Mayor McCarty will be speaking at the Alabama Environment Commission meeting, April 20.

Saturday, May 12, is the date for the annual pet vaccine program. The mayor will speak to the principal of the elementary school about having it on school property again this year. There will be more information on this at the next meeting.

The real estate closing on the properties adjoining Central Park will be this week. Mr. New has notified the billboard company. Revis Auto Service will remain on the property.

Council Agenda – There was none.

Council Comment

Councilman Fluker presented a summary report concerning the water situation. He has looked at all the Consumer Confidence Reports which show our drinking water quality is excellent. We get fifty per cent of our drinking water from Columbiana and fifty per cent from our well, which is located behind Town Hall. He has looked at the Alabama Power Company reports on their twenty-two test wells. Three of the twenty-two wells indicate problems that exceed safe limits.

Mayor McCarty agrees with the factual information; however, he considers the problem more with the ground water contamination than with our drinking water since our well is upstream from the ash lake location. He knows our drinking water is safe, but the ground water is not. He does not think it wise to cap the ash lake in place but would rather see the ash relocated to a lined landfill facility. It needs to be removed, not covered.

Councilman Fluker stated capping was done successfully at Gadsden with no problems.

The mayor stated the topography here is different than Gadsden and is not conducive to capping. ADEM needs to realize the seriousness of the violations, and there needs to be concrete evidence of mitigation plans from Alabama Power.

Councilman Greene asked if these problems will affect property values in Wilsonville.

The mayor stated a federal judge, ruling in a Tennessee case, strongly supported removal of ash. He has read the ruling in its entirety.

The question was raised if the Town will be required to test more often and for more things in the future. Roger Perry stated we have been doing regular testing for years. We may be required to test more frequently.

Councilman Ray asked about the progress on the Shelby County Highway Department's replacement of the bridge on Highway 441. Roger Perry reported progress is slow, mostly due to all the recent rain. This bridge will be an arched clear span two-lane bridge due to some endangered species in the creek. The current bridge is only one lane.

Councilman Morris said the Recreation Board will be buying a new portable pitcher's mound for the baseball fields. It will cost \$1,715.00. This is less than \$100.00 over the price for one purchased in 2011. This was included in the budget figures for park and recreation. Right now, teams are using the field for practice only.

Public Comment

Lane Ross stated he had turned in a list of properties with excessive trash and junk.

Joyce Saxon complained about a situation on Landings Lane. There is a travel trailer that is being lived in on a lot near her. This will be passed on the Shelby County for zoning enforcement.

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 approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P. M.

E. L. McCarty - Mayor

Attest