

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session Monday, April 22, 2019, 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 Richard Atchison.

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 April 01, 2019, regular council meeting, which were mailed to the council members before this meeting, were reviewed. Gordon Fluker made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented; 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.

Outgoing checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Councilman Fluker asked about the check to The Kelley Group which was for the engineering work for the sidewalk project. Councilwoman Rosetta was glad to see a check for the animal control officer. Larry Cohill 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.

Mayoral Announcements

The mayor has the following meetings coming up: Alabama League of Municipalities Convention, Shelby County Mayor's Association, Regional Planning Commission, ALDOT. He has spoken to the Alabama Environmental Management, and the Pelham Water Board.

The Easter Sunrise Service was a success. It was held at the Wilsonville United Methodist Church this year. Next year, the service will be at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

The mayor reminded everyone the first meeting in May will be Tuesday, May 7, due to the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention, which will still be in session Monday, May 6.

The mayor attended the legislative drive-in meeting where broadband service was discussed with the head of ADECA. There is not much progress to report.

The following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION

Whereas Pamela S. Watson has been a faithful
Employee for sixteen years;
The Town Council
Of the Town of Wilsonville
Thanks her for her loyal service
And wishes her well in her retirement

Richard Atchison made a motion to adopt the resolution which will be signed by the mayor and the council members; 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.

The mayor announced he is hiring Paula Perry to replace Mrs. Watson. He cleared this with the Alabama Ethics Commission since Mrs. Perry's husband is also employed with the Town. Councilwoman Rosetta asked if any other candidates were interviewed. They were not.

The mayor showed the council members drawings of the sidewalk plan. This is an eighty/twenty grant with our share being around \$100,000.00. The Town will pay the bills and be reimbursed the eighty percent. We hope to be able to get a local vendor to handle the lighting for the sidewalk which will make any needed repairs easier to handle.

The Shelby County Highway Department is looking at the possibility of putting a crosswalk at Hebb Road and Highway 61 so the Hebb Road sidewalk can be extended to the intersection of Highways 61 and 25.

The question was asked if a crosswalk will be placed on Highway 25 from Central Park to the building housing the beauty shop, antique shop, and bank.

The bids for maintenance of Central Park were opened. Two bids were received as follows:

Beyond Landscape & Design, LLC: Total to revamp planters	\$4,522.35
Maintenance 20 visits	\$ 426.00 per month
Creat-A-Scape, LLC	
Base Bid to revamp planters	\$6,704.00
Optional landscaping	\$3,525.00
Maintenance	\$ 325.00 per month

After some discussion, including the difficulty in comparing the bids, it was decided Councilmen Morris and Fluker, Mayor McCarty, Roger Perry, and Sue Whitfield will meet, examine the bids to decide exactly what work needs to be done and report to the council at the next meeting, May 7. Councilman Blake Ray made a motion to table the issue, to be brought before the council at the next meeting, May 7, for a vote. 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.

The FY2019 budgets for General Fund and Waterworks were reviewed. Some of the income categories for General Fund will not have any more income for the remainder of the year to amount to much such as privilege licenses, the majority of which are paid by the end of February and property tax, the majority of which is paid by the end of January. The figures are where they should be. Water income is up due to the increase in the rates. Water income usually increases during the summer months when people are watering. The other funds were not discussed. There were no questions.

Council Comment

Councilman Fluker: Mentioned the lighting at Oak Meadow Park. Also, we need some additional fill material around some of the new playground equipment at Oak Meadow. Mr. Fluker will check on this.

DJ's BBQ restaurant will be closing and we all need to thank Memory Finn for her years in business here. We will surely miss them.

Mayor McCarty: A drive through pharmacy will be moving into the DJ's building. Studies have shown this type of business to be successful.

Councilman Greene: What we need is a good catfish restaurant that is open on Sunday!

Councilman Ray: 58, Inc. might be able to help us attract a new restaurant. Mayor McCarty has looked into the possibility of getting a franchise restaurant to come here; however, we do not seem to qualify. We do not have enough people or enough traffic for that, not even for a Subway Sandwich Shop. April 11, the Unsafe Building Committee met about a property on South Main Street. They will meet again this Thursday at 7:00 P. M. The Hebb Road and South Main Street sign is down. It is already taken care of.

Councilman Morris: Oakland Avenue still needs attention. Councilman Ray said Clay Adderholt, Shelby County Highway Department, looked at it and said the entire section of concrete may not need to be replaced, only part of it.

Councilwoman Rosetta: The Wilsonville Civitan Club is doing their annual Vidalia onion sale. The cost is \$10.00 for a ten pound bag. Anyone who might be interested can contact her.

Councilman Cohill: He urged everyone to be sure to fill out their census forms when they received them in the mail and return them. This is very important for any kind of grant money the Town might apply for, as well as, the amount of gasoline tax the Town receives. Wilsonville had the lowest return percentage for the last census. We need to do better.

Public Comment

Paula Perry thanked the Town for hiring her. Her father and her brother both worked for the water department in the past and she has grown up with that.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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