

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, August 19, 2019, 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 Cohill.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by long time business owner, citizen, and veteran of the United States Army, Paul Edwards.

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 August 05, 2019, regular council 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 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. 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.

Mayoral Announcements

The bids went out for the Highway 25 Bridge Project, were awarded, and have been signed. We are waiting for paperwork from ALDOT and when it is received, a check will be written. Work should begin in September. A company from Tuscaloosa was awarded the bid. Ivan Greene asked if there was a time limit in the contract. The mayor does not know; he has not seen the contract yet. The mayor hopes to get the \$100,000.00 check from the Shelby County Commission for the project before the end of the fiscal year (September 30).

The sidewalk has a slight delay because of some changes regarding guard rails where the sidewalk is close to Highway 25. The project should go out for bid sometime the first part of September.

The mayor asked Roger Perry about the sewer repair project. Work should begin tomorrow on the project at McGowan Road and Highway 25. He does not know if any road closing or lane closing will be needed. He does not know if this section of line is cased or not.

The mayor reminded the council of the change of date for the first September meeting from September 02 (Labor Day) to September 09.

The mayor attended a meeting of the Environmental Management Group about the coal ash situation. He also attended a meeting of the Shelby County Mayor's Association at which obtaining broadband service was discussed. The towns may have to contribute some money and join with the county in getting this project going. One big drawback is there is no way so get GIS mapping yet. This is a complex and frustrating subject.

The mayor announced property on Highway 61, which was declared surplus some time ago, has sold. The Newman brothers bought it.

Southeast Shelby Rescue representative, Matthew Rush, addressed the council. In fiscal year 2018, due to an oversight by the Town Clerk, Southeast Shelby Rescue did not receive the \$11,000.00 annual donation. Council approval is required to correct this. Richard Atchison asked if the donation can be put in the fiscal year 2020 budget, making the 2020 donation \$22,000.00 on a one time basis. Mr. Rush reported three-hundred-six calls have been answered in the Wilsonville Fire Department Coverage Area this year. Fire Chief Davy Edwards stated this is a service we definitely need and would be hard pressed to do without. Mr. Rush said including the missed donation in the 2020 amount would be all right with them. They plan to send invoices in the future.

The council was made aware of the appointment of Angela Boothe to the Vernice Stoudenmire Library Board, replacing Eva Boyles, who recently passed away.

The mayor asked for comments on the subject of the upcoming budget. He stated the \$500,000.00 for the Highway 25 bridge replacement will be coming out of the fiscal year 2019 budget, and he hopes the \$100,000.00 from the County Commission can be included in this year's budget, as well, and will not be carried over to the fiscal year 2020 budget. The sidewalk project will carry over to FY2020. When preparing the budget, we have always liked to be conservative on income projections and liberal on expense projections. The mayor asked for any council comments or concerns related to the budget.

Councilmen Richard Atchison and Blake Ray both said the Oakland Avenue situation needs to be included in the budget. A need for the advice of a civil engineer on how to proceed was mentioned. This might come under a capital expense.

The Town Clerk mentioned the Town will have to open another checking account for the recently passed gasoline tax. There has to be a separate account for gasoline (already opened) and diesel fuel, according to the Office of the State Treasurer.

Blake Ray asked about putting something in the budget for improvements to the property adjacent to Central Park. The mayor stated we owe two more payments on the property and he would like to finish paying for the property before addressing improvements.

The mayor stated an executive session meeting was needed to discuss a proposed property purchase.

Gordon Fluker made a motion to suspend the rules; 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.

Melissa Rosetta made a motion the council adjourn to an executive session; 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.

The mayor estimated the time for the executive session at ten minutes. The council went into executive session at 7:05 P. M.

The council returned from the executive session at 7:33 P. M., at which time the regular meeting resumed.

Council Comment

Larry Cohill stated there is a tree along Hebb Road that has lost several large limbs, pieces of which are falling into the road.

Public Comment

Lane Ross complained about the culvert at Homestead Drive and asked when it would be opened up. There was no answer.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P. m.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest