

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Monday, September 23, 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 Larry Cohill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led 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 September 09, 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; Blake Ray 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.

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

The mayor stated there is a face book imposter using his name and his telephone number, as well. If you see posts or receive calls, ignore them or, in the case of phone calls, hang up or do not answer.

The mayor will be attending an ALDOT meeting this Thursday. The pre-construction meeting concerning the Highway 25 Bridge replacement has still not been scheduled. During the construction, there will be traffic signals for one lane only travel at the site for a number of months.

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be Monday, December 02, 2019, this year. That date falls on a scheduled council meeting night. Changing that date will be discussed at a future meeting.

Scotty Morris, Chairman of the Unsafe Building Abatement Board, addressed the council. Three quotes, submitted by local contractors (Marlin Gallups, William Dorough, James Ingram), were received for the demolition of the structure at 9166 South Main Street. James Ingram, at \$2,850.00, submitted the lowest quote. Mr. Morris asked the council to authorize an extra \$1,000.00, to cover any unexpected issues that may arise. Gordon Fluker asked if the quotes were lump sum quotes. Mr. Morris stated they were. Richard Atchison asked if there is a time frame involved. Mr. Morris stated, according to the ordinance, work must be done within thirty days. Gordon Fluker made a motion to accept the low quote of \$2,850.00 from James Ingram, with an added \$1,000.00, if needed, for unexpected issues; 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, abstain; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Barbara Lowe, Wilsonville Fine Arts Club, addressed the council concerning the annual Wreaths Across America project. Sales of wreaths will begin soon with club members doing sales in front of Hudd's Food

Center, as well as individually. We will need one-hundred-seventy-nine wreaths for the three cemeteries in town. The wreaths are \$15.00 each. The ceremony will be Saturday, December 14, 2019, 11:00 A. M., at the Wilsonville United Methodist Church, after which participants will adjourn to the cemeteries, to place the wreaths on the graves of veterans. This is a national event with all ceremonies held at the same time nationwide.

Council Comment

Blake Ray has spoken with Kirk Mancer, president of the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, about the Shelbyone Next Level Up. He would like to have an update on this. The mayor said Payton Thomas was to come to the council meeting to report on that, had a conflict, and could not make it. He will contact Mr. Thomas about this and try to reschedule.

Melissa Rosetta said she would like to see our parking lot restriped.

Melissa Rosetta also mentioned a fundraiser, Saturday, October 5, in the Baptist Church Parking Lot, for Destiny Mitchell, a local resident who was seriously injured in a car accident recently. She asked the community to support the fundraiser.

Public Comment

Joy Greene announced there will be a 150th Anniversary Event at the Wilsonville Methodist Church, Sunday, October 13. Barbeque will be served. The group Redeemed will be singing. The community is invited to attend.

Robin Griffin reported on upcoming events at the library: Book Club resumes monthly meetings, beginning October 26; October is Census Month, encourage everyone to participate, library computers may be used to fill out and file census forms; November 9, 6:00 P. M., there will be a Murder at the Library event; free ACT test preparation classes are being offered, Mondays, 3:00 to 4:30 P. M., call to register.

David Wilcox asked about the status of the coal ash situation at Gaston Stream Plant. The mayor stated there is no way unlined ponds can stay in their boundaries; he wants the ash removed to a lined facility. Alabama is the only state not moving the ash. North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee are all moving theirs. Tennessee is fighting moving theirs, though they must move the ash from the TVA facility. There are three bad sites in Alabama; there are twenty-four million tons of ash in Wilsonville. The proposed plan here is to cap in place. There is supposed to be a public hearing, but a date has not been set. He said he realizes there are some dangers involved in moving the ash but still believes this must be done. Councilman Fluker stated Alabama Power has twenty test wells monitoring contaminants with only two of those showing anything.

David Wilcox, then, brought up a neighborhood issue involving Homestead Subdivision. He is complaining about Chris Powell. According to Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Powell is operating an illegal business in the neighborhood and has heavy equipment parked and stored at his home, as well as on a vacant lot. Mr. Powell said he is doing everything legally and has gone through the Shelby County Development Department which administers Town of Wilsonville Zoning regulations. The mayor stated these issues should be addressed with Kristine Goddard or Charles Wright, who are the administrators of our zoning ordinance. This is not a Town Council issue. Subdivision covenants are being violated, according to Mr.

Wilcox; however, the Town does not enforce subdivision covenants. This would be a Homeowners Association issue. The Homestead Homeowners Association has been inactive for several years.

Lane Ross stated there is money in the Homestead HOA treasury. This is not a Town Council issue.

Scotty Morris said there is a process to everything, and the mayor and council are not part of the process in this instance. The mayor and council have no authority over subdivision covenants.

Kathy Walker, Crystal Alexander, and Mrs. Lowery all stated there is crime in the Smith's Camp area and all over this town. Residents have called the sheriff's office. They have proof, on tape, of these incidents. Arrests have been made, but, then, the people are released and right back in the neighborhood according to the complainers. The mayor said, beginning October 01, we will have an additional contract deputy on duty in Wilsonville. He will speak to Sheriff Samaniego about this situation.

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 7:44 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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