

The Wilsonville Town Council met, Monday, December 23, 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 Blake Ray.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led 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 December 09, 2019, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before tonight's meeting) were reviewed. Gordon Fluker made a motion to approve 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.

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Larry Cohill made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; 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.

Mayoral Announcements

The Highway 25 bridge construction is underway. The one lane traffic situation is working out well. Longer delays can be expected as construction progresses. Locals seem to be using alternate routes to avoid the situation.

Wreathes Across America was a fabulous event. Thanks to the Wilsonville United Methodist Church, Barbara Lowe, and Patsy Colley. There was a slight problem at the City Cemetery but it was worked out. Alan Miller did an excellent job speaking at the event.

The mayor spoke at a meeting in Montgomery on the 14th. He attended a meeting of the Regional Planning Commission on the 18th; we will be getting some help

with the sidewalk project from them. There are plans in the works to make the intersection at Highways 441 and 25 a perpendicular intersection. There are meetings scheduled concerning the sidewalk project the 15th, 22nd, and 23rd of January and March 11. January 9th, there is an ALDOT meeting.

The NPDES Permit meeting, concerning E. C. Gaston Steam Plant will be January 9th, 6:00 P. M., at Shelby County High School.

The group which played for the Christmas Tree Lighting, Lincoln Byron Thomas and the Official Clutch Band, will be appearing at the Shelby County Arts Council Building, Saturday, January 11. Tickets are \$25.00 each.

Mayor Cost (Montevallo), Lee and others will be meeting with 58, Inc. and C Spire concerning internet service for the area, January 22. This is a joint venture with the City of Birmingham, Jefferson County, and Shelby County. The Town might want to consider paying some money for the project and perhaps, abating some taxes. Alabama Power and AT & T are involved, as well. Gordon Fluker stated we need improvement of internet services here badly; he lives at the end of a road and has satellite service but still needs improvement.

The annual pet vaccine clinic will be held April 18th.

The annual safety meeting and banquet will be held Tuesday, January 28th at Old Town Grill in Childersburg.

WastePro's contract has been bought by Republic, so we have new people providing garbage pick-up service. There is a lot of confusion right now.

Town Hall office and the Vernice Stoudenmire Library will be closed tomorrow and Wednesday and next Wednesday for the holidays.

Alan Miller, candidate for District Court Judge, addressed the council. He has been an assistant district attorney and has experience prosecuting criminal cases, has been involved with the Compact 2020 Team and community involvement fighting drug abuse. He has also served thirty years in the Marine Reserve. He would like to improve the way the case load is handled. Cases often get continued and this is not efficient.

Mayor McCarty asked the council to consider raising the salary for the mayoral position. The mayor may serve as water superintendent of for an additional \$400.00 per month, as it stands now, in addition to the mayoral salary of \$500.00 per month. He has declined to do that. There can be a lot of travel expenses involved with the position and additional salary would help with that. He asked Councilman Blake Ray to work with the town clerk to get an idea what other towns and cities do.

The mayor would like the council to consider spending money for musical and/or art instruction for Wilsonville Elementary School students. He has been talking with Bruce Andrews, Shelby County Arts Council, about sponsoring needy children for private lessons. The Town would provide \$1,000, \$2,000, maybe \$2,500 for this aid. The School would recommend students for this, and payment would be made to the Arts Council.

The C Spire meetings will be January 6 and 21. Be thinking about tax abatements.

Council Comment

Gordon Fluker says the Oak Meadow lighting project may begin the week after Christmas. The county is working on elements of the project at their shop.

Ivan Greene stated the internet improvements are needed. The company will be asking for assistance, and the Town needs to be prepared to offer help.

Blake Ray suggested academic scholarship help might be needed at Wilsonville Elementary School as well as art scholarship help.

Public Comment

Larry Lowe stated help is needed unloading the wreathes for the Wreathes Across America Project when they are delivered. Help could also be used in getting the wreathes to the three cemeteries. This is something to think about next year.

He stated public money invested in the internet improvement would be a good investment.

The mayor stated C Spire seems to have a good track record. Wayne Morris stated he understands they install fiber optic cable.

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 7:14 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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