

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, January 06, 2020, 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 Richard Atchison.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led 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 December 23, 2019, regular council meeting (mailed to council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Gordon Fluker made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; Ricky Morris seconded. The minutes were 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.

Councilman Fluker presented the December Treasurer's Report as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Total Income:	\$79,172.28
	Total Expenses:	\$57,719.34
	Net Income:	\$21,452.94
	Total Liquid Assets:	\$1,683,826.69
WATER WORKS	Total Income:	\$58,396.03
	Total Expenses:	\$31,883.14
	Net Income:	\$26,512.89
	Total Liquid Assets:	\$699,673.50

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Councilman Atchison asked if the animal control officer was helping. The mayor stated the animal problem will never be fully solved; however, having the officer has helped. 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

There is an ALDOT meeting, Thursday, January 9th, concerning the sidewalk project. Roger Perry and Kelley Taft will be attending.

The Highway 25 bridge work is going well. The one lane traffic situation seems to be working smoothly. Local folks seem to be going alternate routes.

Also Thursday, January 9th, there is a public hearing concerning Alabama Power Company's (Gaston Steam Plant) NPDES permit at 6:00 P. M. at Shelby County High School in Columbiana. The mayor stated there has been no permit for the last five years, and he encouraged everyone to attend.

The mayor will be attending a legislative meeting, January 15.

There is a C Spire Meeting, January 22, concerning internet service.

January 28 is the annual Safety Meeting/Banquet at Old Town Grill in Childersburg.

Through calls from some garbage customers, we learned today some of the customers will be changed to Friday pick up. Republic is putting letters on the cans of those customers; however, our office was not notified. We have gotten a list of the addresses to be changed so it can be noted on our customer records.

Threatening posts have been put on the Wilsonville Face Book Page. This is unnecessary, and those posts were removed along with a request not to post such things. This is no place for trash talk.

The clerk reminded everyone not to put complaints for which you want a solution on Face Book. Complaints should be called in to Town Hall if you want solutions, not posted on Face Book.

Robin Griffin, librarian, announced the library has WIFI Hot Spot devices available for check out. Our library has two devices which can be checked out for one week at a time. These devices have unlimited data. A lot of people get them to take on vacation with them so they will have WIFI service while they are away from home. An agreement must be signed to check out. Chelsea Library has a number of these devices which are regularly being utilized there.

The mayor asked consideration for increasing the mayor's salary in Wilsonville. If this is going to be done, it must be before February 25, 2020, and will go into effect with the new administration, taking office in November, 2020. The town clerk and Councilman Blake Ray passed out information on salaries in other cities and towns for the council to look over. Currently, there is an option in Wilsonville for the mayor to be utility superintendent and receive extra compensation. The current mayor declined this option. This issue will be discussed at future meetings.

The mayor has not had a chance to discuss the Wilsonville Elementary School Art Grants with the principal yet. When school resumes, he will talk with her.

Council Comment

Richard Atchison commented on the addition of curtains in the Council Chamber Room.

Larry Cohill reminded everyone of the upcoming census count. Notices will go out April 1. Robin Griffin stated everyone will receive a card with a code needed to fill out the information on line. There will be two mailings before you can reply. Library computers will be available, whether or not you have a library card, for replying. Library employees will be available to assist anyone who needs help. The mayor stated he hopes everyone will participate; if our population is 2,000 or over, we will be a city instead of a town. Alabama may lose a representative if the state population declines, so everyone needs to reply. Those who do not return the form by mail or internet will receive a visit from a census taker.

Melissa Rosetta stated C Spire used to be Cellular South.

Mayor McCarty stated he understands C Spire has done an excellent job in Mississippi and he hopes they can do the same in Alabama.

Public Comment

Larry Lowe also commented on the curtains in the Chamber Room.

Donna Baker stated she did not know we had an animal control officer any more. We do.

William Traywick has an ongoing problem with unrestrained dogs killing the birds he raises. He has talked with some of the dog owners himself trying to resolve the issue but was met with threats instead of cooperation. Deputy Bloom stated he is aware of this constant problem and has answered calls to Mr. Traywick's residence. The animal control officer has also responded. Mr. Traywick says the problem seems to be worse on weekends and holidays.

Robin Griffin announced the following library events: free class on Pregnancy, Birth, Postpartum and Baby taught by a local birth doula, Thursday, January 9th, 1:00 P. M. and Thursday, January 16, 6:30 P. M.; Book Club, Thursday, January 23, 6:00 P. M.; Paint Your Own Pottery, Saturday, February 01, 10:00 A. M.

Sue Whitfield said she appreciated support for the parks.

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, III, Mayor

Attest