

The Wilsonville Town Council met Tuesday, January 21, 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 Atchison.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman 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 January 06, 2020, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Gordon Fluker made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; 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.

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 mayor attended the NPDES permit meeting, January 09, and spoke as, did Councilman Fluker.

Mayor McCarty also attended the legislative preview meeting in Montgomery, January 15, sponsored by the Alabama League of Municipalities.

He will attend a meeting with C Spire tomorrow along with Melody and Yvonne from 58, Inc., and Chad Scroggins, Shelby County, concerning internet service.

The mayor reminded everyone of the Annual Safety Meeting/Banquet, Tuesday, January 28, at Old Town Grille in Childersburg.

There is a TAPP meeting this Thursday about the sidewalk project. There may be some additional funding available for the project.

Blake Ray asked if C Spire is only planning to address internet service in the rural areas or all of Shelby County. The mayor said they are testing in the Elliottsville area (Alabaster) now. Even Alabaster and Pelham have some dead internet areas that need to be addressed. He doesn't have a good answer right now. The governor offered tax credits some time back for this problem. C Spire is trying to take advantage of these credits. Gordon Fluker stated this will be great for Wilsonville, if it works out.

Roger Perry attended the ALDOT meeting. Progress is continuing on the Highway 25 Bridge project. We are close to final approval for the sidewalk project.

There was a water main break in Smith Camp, caused by a property owner who dug without getting lines marked first.

The mayor has talked with Mrs. Byrne, principal of Wilsonville Elementary School, about the proposed art/music scholarships. There are three-hundred-seventy-five students at the school, ten per cent of whom are exceptional or needy. She thinks there may be thirty-seven or thirty-eight students who may possibly be interested. The art and music teachers will evaluate the students and make recommendations. Councilman Ray mentioned he understands metal working will be taught at the Arts Council. Councilman Fluker stated money spent on children is always a good investment. Councilman Fluker made a motion to offer \$2,500.00 in scholarship money, through the end of this school year, for scholarships to the Shelby County Arts Council for art and music, as a trial to students recommended by the art and music teachers at Wilsonville Elementary School. 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.

Council Comment

Councilman Fluker said work on the new lighting at Oak Meadow Park is ongoing. Work will be done tomorrow and should be complete by the end of the week. The new Oak Meadow Park sign will be installed tomorrow,

Councilman Ray asked about the possibility of a community storm shelter in the future. Councilman Atchison asked if there was grant money available. Mayor McCarty said the only grant money he knows of right now is for smaller shelters built next to fire stations large enough for first responders. Councilman Ray said there were three families at Wilsonville Baptist Church during the recent weather warnings. The church is not a designated shelter but is available. The mayor stated the long range plan would be to build a shelter behind Central Park in the future.

Councilman Cohill asked about the playground equipment near the fence with anchors sticking up out of the ground. Councilman Fluker will get in touch with Giffen Recreation Company, who were involved with the original installation, and ask them to remedy the problem.

Public Comment

Robin Griffin announced the following events to be held in the library:

January 23 – 6:00 P. M. - Book Club meets to discuss Confessions of a Shopaholic

January 25, 10:00 A. M. – Edward Jones Financial Talk

Month of February – Read books (one chance for each three books read) to be eligible to win a \$40 gift certificate to Girl Friday Baked Goods.

February 1 – Paint your own pottery heart - \$10.00 supply fee – register in advance

February 11, 1:00 P. M. – Herbs & Spring Planting program – Ivan & Pam Greene

February 17, 1:00 P. M. – Movie – Zootopia – Council Chamber Room

February 20, 6:00 P. M. - Movie and Pizza – Downton Abbey – Council Chamber Room

February 27, 6:00 P. M. – Book Club meets to discuss Water for Elephants

Blake Ray asked if the Face Book page is an official posting place for meetings and ordinances. The clerk stated it is not. By state law, if there is no newspaper in the municipality, announcements must be posted in three places in the municipality.

Our three places are: Wilsonville Town Hall Bulletin Board; Wilsonville Post Office Community Bulletin Board; Bulletin Board at Hudd's Food Center.

Lane Ross mentioned some criminal activity recently in the Homestead Subdivision. He said there is a need for improved internet service in that area so security cameras can be updated. He also mentioned tree limbs growing out into the street which are damaging his camper when he tries to get it in and out of the subdivision.

Mr. Ross says he knows a grant writer who can get a grant for a storm shelter. There was a heated exchange between Mr. Ross and the mayor about this issue.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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