

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, February 03, 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 Ricky Morris.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilman Ricky Morris.

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 21, 2020, meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Councilwoman Rosetta asked a correction be made to the last paragraph on page one of the minutes to read January 28 for the date of the Annual Safety Meeting/Banquet rather than January 26, Ivan Greene made a motion to approve the minutes with the above correction; 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.

Councilman Fluker presented the January treasurer's report as follows:

GENERAL FUND:	Total income:	\$224,515.40
	Total Expense:	\$ 68,103.48
	Net Income:	\$156,411.92

The income figure includes the annual check from Alabama Power for power sold in the town and the police jurisdiction for 2019.

	Total Liquid Assets	\$1,867,641.34
WATER WORKS	Total Income:	\$67,874.12
	Total Expense:	\$31,059.61
	Net Income:	\$36,814.51
	Total Liquid Assets:	\$737,736.63

Checks were examined by the council members immediately preceding the meeting. Gordon Fluker made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; 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.

#### Mayoral Announcements

Mayor McCarty reported on the meeting with C Spire. There were seven representatives present. The proposed cable will be mostly underground; the company would like to use existing rights-of-way. A franchise agreement must be signed. Helena already has one. We will obtain a copy of theirs as soon as possible. Everyone is urged to go on the C Spire website and fill out a request to let them know Wilsonville is interested in the project for improved internet access. Alabama Power Company is sharing their rights-of-way and is supportive of the project. The Town will be consulting with Bill Justice and Chad Scroggins. This is the most promising proposal thus far for improved internet service for our area.

Up to five per cent can be charged for licensing/franchise fee. We will be looking at our current franchise fee to see if it needs updating.

There is a bogus census mail-out that is actually a fundraiser for the Republican Party, asking for donations. The mayor asked everyone to be careful.

Larry Lowe stated the Census Bureau will be mailing out post cards with a code to use for filing. There will be mailings March 1, March 13, and April 1. These mailings will not go to post office box holders, The goal is eighty-five per cent participation. Councilman Fluker stressed the importance of the census; the figures are used in lots of surveys.

The sidewalk project, when completed, will be very nice with bridges, railings, trees, and lighting. The mayor will get Kelley Taft to come to a meeting and explain the project.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets this Thursday to discuss changes to the master plan for the Lokey subdivision in the Lokey Ferry Road area.

There will be a public involvement meeting concerning the proposed toll bridge over the Coosa River, February 18, at the Shelby County Arts Council Building from 5:00 to 8:00 P. M. The Talladega County Commission has approved the plan; the Shelby County Commission has not. Our district commissioner is opposed.

February 19<sup>th</sup>, the mayor will be attending a Birmingham Regional Planning Commission meeting.

The mayor stated theft of utility services is a felony and will not be tolerated in Wilsonville.

The Highway 25 bridge one lane situation is working out well. A lot of local people are by-passing the lane closure. There will come a point when the road will be totally blocked for as long as twenty to thirty minutes at a time.

The Safety Meeting/Banquet was a big hit.

#### Council Comment

Gordon Fluker said one of the signs and the lighting at Oak Meadow Park have been installed. One more sign with the park rules is not installed yet. There are three trees that need to be removed. The playground equipment anchors have been fixed. Richard Atchison asked if town employees would remove the trees; they may be able to remove two of them. Larry Cohill stated the county inspector was very complimentary of the park.

Ivan Greene asked about the progress of the proposed pharmacy. Rumor has it, it may be opened by the end of April. Larry Lowe stated he has heard the end of April.

Gordon Fluker asked about increasing the mayoral salary as was discussed at an earlier meeting. He said the issue needs to be addressed. He suggested raising the salary to \$10,800.00 a year which would be the current \$6,000.00 salary and the \$4,800.00 potential salary for being utility superintendent which is optional. The current mayor declined the \$4,800.00. This will need to be addressed at the next meeting to meet the deadline.

Melissa Rosetta thanked Robin Griffin for all her work at the library.

Blake Ray asked for an update on the ball fields. He asked if we know yet how many games will be scheduled at Wilsonville. The clerk stated there are problems with the lights at Yellowleaf Field, possibly from lightning damage. This field has recently been used as a practice field. The entrance road at Helms Park may need some work, as well.

Public Comment

Robin Griffin gave a library report: February is Library Lovers Month, with each three books read, a patron will get one chance to win a \$40.00 gift certificate from Girl Friday Baked Goods; February 11, Herb and Spring Planting Program – Town Hall; February 17 – Town Hall - Zootopia Movie – 1:00 P. M.; February 20 – Town Hall - Downton Abbey Movie with pizza – 6:00 P. M.; February 27 – Library - Book Club Meeting to discuss Water for Elephants – 6:00 P. M. ; March 12 – Town Hall - Hydroponics Talk – 1:00 P. M.

Gordon Fluker mentioned the free ACT preparation classes offered by Diane Webb at the library. Robin Griffin stated she now has three students. The library has also obtained a GED preparation book and will offer a class for that to anyone interested.

The mayor stated Wilsonville Elementary School and the Shelby County Arts Council are aware of the scholarship offer.

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 7:32 P. M.

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E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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