

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, February 17, 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 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 February 03, 2020, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Melissa Rosetta asked for a correction; her last name was misspelled in paragraph seven of the minutes. Gordon Fluker made a motion to approve the minutes with the 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.

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Ivan Greene 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.

Phil Burns, Chief Operating Officer for Shelby County addressed the meeting concerning the 2020 Census. He stressed the importance of everyone participating in the census; he stated it should only take six minutes to fill out the form. The census count is used in determining how much federal funding is received by local government entities. Such things as funding for health care, education, roads and bridges, jobs, congressional representation and more are affected by the census numbers. Local libraries will offer assistance in filing the information on line if that is needed. If you do not respond, a representative will come to your door and help you fill out the form. It is projected Alabama will lose a congressional seat; participation will keep that from happening. Shelby County had eighty per cent participation in the 2010 census and are hoping for ninety per cent in 2020.

Kevin Morris, District One, County Commissioner, addressed the council. He asked for support in the upcoming election. He currently serves as chairman of general services which includes police and fire services, as well as education and would like to continue to be our voice on these matters. He is originally from Wilsonville and resides in Wilsonville.

He was asked about the proposed toll bridge and what he was hearing from his constituents. He estimated the opinions he has received seem to be eighty per cent against the proposal and twenty per cent in favor. There will be a county wide public meeting about this issue later this week in the Shelby County Arts Council Building in Columbiana.

Mayoral announcements

There was a Planning and Zoning Board meeting February 6th at which the master plan for Lokey Landing Subdivision was approved. A request to rename two streets was proposed. The 911 Office has been notified about this request.

The mayor will be attending the following meetings: Birmingham Regional Planning Commission, February 19th; Regional Planning Legislative Drive-through, February 11th; Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, February 26th, Pelham Civic Center, State of Community.

Republic Services (garbage collectors) have changed some Wilsonville residents to Friday pick up instead of Thursday. Paula Perry has notified these customers by telephone and mail to make sure they are aware of the change.

March 3rd, Super Tuesday nationwide, is primary election day. Everyone should vote.

C Spire seems to be offering the best possibility of getting improved internet service in our area. We are looking at right-of-way and franchise agreements.

Arrests were made recently for theft of services (water). This will not be tolerated. The Town will be seeking restitution.

Council Comment

Gordon Fluker asked why he is seeing garbage trucks from both WastPro and Republic picking up in town. There was no answer.

Richard Atchison asked about the tree removal at Oak Meadow Park. Do we have a bid? We do not.

Gordon Fluker stated the work at Oak Meadow Park is complete except the new rules and regulations sign.

Gordon Fluker also stated the Town Hall Parking Lot needs to be restriped and marked.

Raising the mayor's salary was discussed. Gordon Fluker stated he had suggested, at the last meeting, raising the salary to \$900.00 per month, combining the current salary of \$500.00 a month and the optional salary of \$400.00 per month as utility superintendent. The \$900.00 per month would eliminate any additional salary as utility superintendent. The following ordinance was introduced;

ORDINANCE NUMBER 200217
SALARY OF THE MAYOR

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WILSONVILLE.
ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the salary of the mayor of the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama, shall be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of \$900.00 per month.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on the first Monday in November, 2020, and shall continue in force and effect until repealed by action of the council.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable; if any portion of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Gordon Fluker made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 200217 with the understanding the option of the mayor serving as utility superintendent be removed from consideration in the future; 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.

Ricky Morris has talked with Brad Vick about the use of Helms Park this spring. Schedules have not be drawn up yet. Kevin Morris stated a lot hinges on whether or not the concession stand will be open. Angie Lucas has just agreed to manage the concession stand again this ball season.

Public Comment – There was none.

There being no further business to come before the council, Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Cohill seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest