

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, March 23, 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 was not present.

The minutes of the March 02, 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; 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.

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

Wayne Barber, of DeLoach, Barber, and Caspers, presented the annual audit report for FY2019. Financial statements for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 for the Sewer Fund, the Sanitation Fund, the Water Fund, and the General Fund were reviewed to familiarize the council with the history of prior years. Following this review, Mr. Barber went over the fiscal year 2019 financial statements in detail. We received a good audit report. The assets exceed the liabilities. As always, the lack of segregation of duties was pointed out. With the few employees we have, this is not feasible for us. It simply means we must be diligent about watching for possible fraud.

Following the presentation, Ricky Morris made a motion to accept the audit report, as presented; Gordon Fluker seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Larry Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes;

Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes. Richard Atchison had stepped out of the room.

Mayoral Announcements

Most of the usual meetings have been canceled due to the virus threat.

The Mayor's Association has been meeting on conference calls.

Regulations are changing daily concerning the virus threat. Our library remains open for checking out and returning books. No loitering is allowed. Computer use has been available and needed. So far, the public is co-operating with the restricted use. If this ceases, the library will close.

Hudd's Food Center reports things are going well. Citizens are being understanding and co-operative there, as well.

The Coronavirus is spreading rapidly. Town Hall remains open. If possible, customers are encouraged to use the drop box on the porch to make payments. If paying cash, come inside. Once again, everyone has been very considerate and cooperative. Census help is still available in the Library.

We may need guidance for future council meetings until this crisis is over. Regulations require the council to meet and proxy voting by the council is illegal. This will harm the economy and a recession will, no doubt, follow; however it cannot be avoided. Wilsonville has cash in the bank now; eventually sales tax will probably go down.

The April 12 Easter Sunrise Service will probably be canceled.

Little League Baseball has been postponed indefinitely.

The mayor is considering a Face Book Live event this Wednesday to go over the crises at hand.

Blake Ray stated the Shelby County Board of Education Child Nutrition Program will be providing meals to school children who participate in the free/reduced price lunch program while school is not in session.

Mayor McCarty stated we are in uncharted territory. This is a very complex matter. Courts are canceling sessions.

Blake Ray stated the Volunteer Fire Department has new criteria for answering calls, such as public assist calls. Richard Atchison said the Face Book Live event would be helpful informing the public about that.

The issue of changing the names of two streets in the Lokey Landing Subdivision was discussed. As per request of the owners and developers, Richard Atchison made a motion to change the name of a portion of Lokey Lane to Lokey Drive and to change the name of South Shelby Road to Lokey Court. 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.

Council Comment

Larry Cohill stated the census has received twenty-two percent participation, as of Friday.

Blake Ray asked if the Shelby County Commission was voting on the proposed bridge project tonight. They are.

Councilman Ray also asked if the pet vaccine clinic will have to be canceled. The mayor said that will be a close call, but it probably will not happen this year.

Richard Atchison stated Wilsonville Baptist Church has their services on Face Book now.

Mayor McCarty stated some local towns are authorizing their mayors an amount which can be spent on emergencies without council approval. We may need to address this in the future.

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 8:09 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

Attest