

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, April 20, 2020, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall.

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, Gordon Fluker, Ivan Greene, Ricky Morris, Blake Ray, Melissa Rosetta.

The minutes of the April 06, 2020, meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Gordon Fluker made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented. Ivan Greene seconded, and the motion was approved with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes, Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, abstain.

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Richard Atchison asked about a check for work on the baseball field, since there will be no games this year. The mayor said the field had gotten in such bad shape it was best to go ahead and do the work now and stay on top of things than to put it off. Gordon Fluker asked about a check for Alabama and United States flags; these were ordered for the flag poles at Fire Station Number One and Town Hall. Ricky Morris made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; Blake Ray seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayoral Announcements

The mayor stated Councilman Larry Cohill passed away April 11. A grave side service was held Saturday, April 18, at the Community Cemetery. There will be a memorial service at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, when the pandemic restrictions are lifted, that everyone may attend.

The Mayor's Association will have a conference call meeting tomorrow. There may be partial reopening of businesses the first of May, which is just a guess. The business owners want to open again; however people need to realize the dangers

of too much togetherness at this time. We all have rights, but those rights come with responsibilities. We can get through this, but it is going to take time and everyone needs to cooperate with the restrictions for now. Two weeks ago, there were 2,006 cases of the coronavirus in Alabama and 150 in Shelby County; today, there are 5,078 cases in Alabama and 273 in Shelby County. Two weeks ago, there had been 53 deaths in Alabama; today, there have been 164. The virus is still spreading.

There is a proposal to postpone the municipal elections which are scheduled for August, possibly for as long as a year.

The Highway 25 sidewalk project has been advertised for bids. There is a pre-bid conference scheduled for May 05 at 1:00 P. M., at Town Hall.

Since Councilman Cohill passed away, his council seat must be declared vacant. Ricky Morris made a motion to declare Larry Cohill's council seat vacant; Richard Atchison seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Whoever is appointed to fill the vacant council seat will serve until the end of the current term (through October, 2020), and may run for the seat in the election if they so desire.

After some discussion, Ivan Greene made a motion to request resumes from interested parties for the filling of the vacant council seat, posting the request in the normal three posting locations (bulletin boards at Town Hall, Hudd's Food Center and the Post Office) as well as on the Town Website. Resumes will be due by Monday, May 04, 2020, 4:30 P. M. at the clerk's office, Town Hall. The council may nominate a candidate without a resume if it wishes. Richard Atchison seconded the motion which passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Council Comment

Councilman Fluker asked about the striping of the Town Hall parking lot. He has gotten a price of \$1,100.00 from Brand Striping, LLC, a to mark the spaces and mark two handicap spaces. Melissa Rosetta made a motion to proceed with the project at the above bid price; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Councilman Fluker also asked why the work on the Highway 25 Bridge is not ongoing. There seems to have been no work for about two months. The mayor stated the contractor has an issue with the load bearing capability of the temporary lane. The contractor and ALDOT engineer are at an impasse, and a third party engineer is looking at the situation. The pandemic also contributed to the stoppage.

Public Comment – There was none.

There being no further business to come before the council, Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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