

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, May 04, 2020, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee McCarty at 6:00 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilman Blake Ray.

Councilman Blake Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

The following council members answered roll call: Richard Atchison, Gordon Fluker, Ivan Greene, Ricky Morris, Blake Ray, Melissa Rosetta.

The minutes of the April 20, 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; 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 presented the April Treasurer's Report as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Total Income:	\$59,527.55
	Total Expense:	\$35,716.06
	Net Income:	\$23,811.49
	Total Liquid Assets:	\$1,897,231.97
WATER WORKS	Total Income:	\$29,503.16
	Total Expense:	\$24,016.92
	Net Income:	\$ 5,486.24
	Total Liquid Assets:	\$743,148.15

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. There was a question about a check for \$993.00 for the Fire Department. This check is for power washing work performed at Fire Station Number Two. Ricky Morris made a motion to pay the bills; 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

Covid19 restrictions will be going on for a while longer. The rules in Alabama are a little stricter than other states. So far, there have been more deaths from this virus than from the Viet Nam War and in a much shorter time frame. On April 6th, there were 2006 cases in Alabama; on April 20, 5078; today, 8,112. On April 6th, there were 53 deaths in Alabama; on April 20, 164; today, 298. Today, there are 1,080 people hospitalized with the virus. On April 6th, there were 150 cases in Shelby County; on April 20, 273; today, 328. If everyone would cooperate, we would get through this quicker. We must be respectful of each other. All our rights come with responsibility tied to them. A new saying going around is: "Don't be a Covidian".

Under these circumstances, the mayor has the authority to set how municipal meetings are conducted.

Tomorrow, there will be a virtual pre-bid construction meeting concerning the Highway 25 Sidewalk Project.

The Shelby County Mayors will be participating in a conference call tomorrow which will be joined by Chad Scroggins, Shelby County, and United States Representative Gary Palmer.

A major repair will be made at the sewer plant. One of the pumps has failed and must be replaced. Grady Parsons provided a price for the work: between \$25,000.00 and \$30,000.00. This is not an option; it must be done. There is a back-up pump that is operational. Richard Atchison stated this pump is six to eight feet deep, and with the replacement, the new pump will be raised. The pump that failed is very old; it was probably a part of the sewer plant when the plant was obtained by Wilsonville years ago.

The Highway 25 Bridge Project will be under construction again some time next week. Steel reinforcements have been added to the temporary bridge. A different design has been approved for the concrete culvert.

Larry Lowe reported the census count is not going well. So far, Wilsonville is at thirty per cent participation. Indian Springs Village is the highest participant in Shelby County at this point.

The issue of the vacant council seat was next on the agenda. We have four resumes which were turned in by the deadline. They are from Brian Chapple, Mavis Cohill, Larry Lowe, and Lane Ross. Copies of the resumes were given to each council member to study and bring back at the next meeting, May 18. At that time, the suggested procedure will be:

1. A council member may make a motion to nominate one of the entrants
2. There will need to be a second
3. The council, then, would vote to officially nominate the entrant

After the nominees have been chosen, the council will then vote on the approved nominees. The candidate who receives the most votes will be elected to fill the vacant seat through the month of October when the term expires.

The candidate may come and address the council if they wish, though that is not a requirement.

Council Comment

Blake Ray commented Central Park is looking very nice.

Blake Ray also stated the Baptist Church is tentatively planning to go ahead with the God and Country Celebration, June 28. If that is not possible, there is an alternate date of September 6.

Mayor McCarty stated he thinks the God and Country Celebration may have to be quite different from years past. He suggested having only the fireworks and everyone staying in their cars to enjoy that. It may not be the traditional celebration this year.

Gordon Fluker announced Wilsonville Baptist Church has called off the annual Bible School this year.

Councilman Fluker also reported the striping of the Town Hall Parking Lot will be done this Thursday. Rain is supposed to move in on Friday. The clerk will notify the apartment resident who parks in the lot at times.

Richard Atchison asked about the resident who was found to be stealing water in February. He asked if this situation is ongoing. It seems to be. Mayor McCarty stated the Town has asked that restitution costs be requested in the court proceedings concerning this matter.

Melissa Rosetta asked if the animal control officer is still working. He can answer calls and talk to people; however, at the moment, the Shelby County Humane Shelter is closed due to the pandemic. There is nowhere to take dogs if he needs to pick them up. We have not had any complaints since the shelter closed. She stated there have been numerous complaints on Face Book; however, that is not the official complaint department. If people want any action taken on their complaints, they must call Town Hall, not put them on Face Book.

Public Comment

Wayne Morris pulled up census information on his phone. According to what he found, Wilsonville has a 56.1% participation. This figure is consistent since April 22. Mayor McCarty, again, stressed the importance of participation in the census. Alabama is on the receiving end of federal funding, based on the census figures. Many states do not receive but rather pay. Alabama also stands to lose one of its congressional seats if the census figures go down.

Larry Lowe stated Down South Realty has removed their Christmas lights. He picked up the lights and put them in the Shop Building. Down South plans to put up their own decorations this year.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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