

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, May 18, 2020, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. Mayor Lee McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilman Ricky Morris.

Councilman Ricky Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The minutes of the May 04, 2020, meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Ivan Greene made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; Gordon Fluker 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.

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Blake Ray asked about a check to a plumbing company, concerning a water leak. The matter occurred due to misinformation given to a customer and has been resolved. Ricky Morris made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; Melissa Rosetta 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 spoke about the reopening of businesses which had been closed due to the coronavirus outbreak. This reopening has necessary restrictions. The number of cases of the virus is not going down and caution must still be used. Shelby County is now sixth in the state for number of cases, having moved from second. Eighty-one per cent of the deaths have occurred in the sixty-five and older age group. We must be respectful of others at all times.

The census count is still ongoing. Wilsonville has 59.4% participation, at this time. Indian Springs Village has an 83% participation, the most of any Shelby County city. Larry Lowe stated he will be glad to assist anyone who needs help, even going to their homes with his laptop computer to file. Mavis Cohill asked if there is any way to know who has not participated. There is not; however, a census representative will go door to door eventually to those who have not filed a report.

The Highway 25 Sidewalk bid opening is tomorrow. Plans were available for viewing. There was a pre-bid walk through last Tuesday which was attended by representatives of four or five companies, an ALDOT representative, a Shelby County Highway Department representative, and two representatives of the Town. At the next meeting, the proposed winning bid will be on the agenda for approval.

July 14, there is a state run-off election. Absentee ballot applications can be obtained from the Alabama Secretary of State's office if you are afraid to go to the polls due to the coronavirus situation. A copy of your driver's license must be submitted with the application, and it must be notarized. Municipal elections will be held in August and the presidential election in November.

We received a proposal for licensing agreement from C Spire (internet services). Josh Arnold (Ellis, Head, Owen, Justice, & Arnold) is reviewing the agreement for us. He is preparing an agreement similar

to Pelham's agreement. The mayor reminded everyone to go on-line and express your interest in getting internet service with C Spire. The need for improved internet service is even more important now with so many people working from home and children doing school work from home.

There are sewer line issues on McGowan Road which must be addressed. There is old terra cotta pipe there which is deteriorating and needs to be replaced. This will be an expensive endeavor, possibly between \$50,000.00 and \$60,000.00 but must be done. \$5,000.00 has already been spent investigating the problems.

The mayor would like to look into demolishing the former restaurant building on Highway 25, adjacent to Central Park.

Highway 25 Bridge construction has resumed.

Wilsonville Pharmacy is now opened for business. The mayor has visited. Records can be electronically transferred from another pharmacy. We need to support the new business. Larry Lowe stated he has already moved his records.

Oak Meadow Park playground equipment remains closed. There will be no party reservations accepted at this time.

The vacant council seat was next on the agenda. There are four candidates who submitted resumes. In order to vote on a candidate, they must be nominated and seconded by a council member. Council members may nominate others, as well. All candidates must be registered voters to qualify. The four candidates, who submitted resumes, were invited to address the meeting.

Brian Chapple stated he has lived here since 2001. He is a member of the volunteer fire department, is a mechanical person, has a construction background, and has practical experience. He has worked at E. C. Gaston Steam Plant and has gained corporate experience there. He would try to consider everyone in his decision making. Councilwoman Rosetta asked why he applied; he stated he feels he can help the Town by serving.

Mavis Cohill grew up in Wilsonville and moved back two years ago. She has been employed at Hyundai for sixteen years and is an assistant team leader. She has learned to collaborate and work with others through her job.

Larry Lowe has a background in finance, and has worked as a bank examiner. He has lived in Wilsonville since 1997. He feels his financial background would be helpful in serving on the council.

Lane Ross has lived in Wilsonville since 1994 and is retired from E. C. Gaston Steam Plant. He ran for a council seat in the last election. He attends council meetings regularly and has brought issues to the attention of the council. He talks with the public and learns their concerns.

Gordon Fluker made a motion to nominate Larry Lowe for the vacant council seat; Ivan Greene seconded.

Blake Ray made a motion to nominate Mavis Cohill; Ricky Morris seconded.

There being no further nominations, Ivan Greene made a motion to close the nominations; Melissa Rosetta seconded.

A roll call vote was held as follows: Richard Atchison, Mavis Cohill; Gordon Fluker, Larry Lowe; Ivan Greene, Larry Lowe; Ricky Morris, Mavis Cohill; Blake Ray, Mavis Cohill; Melissa Rosette, Mavis Cohill. Mavis Cohill received four votes; Larry Lowe received two votes. Mavis Cohill is elected to fill the vacant council seat.

Council members Ricky Morris, Melissa Rosetta, and Richard Atchison expressed how pleased they were to have four applicants for the council position.

Resolution Number 200518 (concerning the sidewalk project) was introduced as follows:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 200518

That the Town enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation relating to a project for:

Streetscape improvements from downtown Wilsonville to the new commercial development on SR-25; Project # TAPNU-TA17(907); CPMS Ref # 100067296.

Which agreement is before this Council, and that the agreement be executed in the name of the Town, by the Mayor for and on its behalf and that it be attested by the Town Clerk and the official seal of the Town be affixed thereto:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the completion of the execution of the agreement by all parties, that a copy of such agreement be kept on file by the Town.

I, the undersigned qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the Town named therein, at a regular meeting of such Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, and that such resolution is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

ATTESTED:

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Town Clerk

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Mayor

18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, and that such resolution is of record in the Minute Book of the Town.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Town on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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Town Clerk

Richard Atchison made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 200518; 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.

#### Council Comment

Gordon Fluker stated the recently striped Town Hall parking lot looks nice. He asked who is responsible for striping the parking spaces in front of the businesses and across the street from the businesses on North Main Street. The mayor said he does not know the answer to that but will check.

Blake Ray asked the status of the dysfunctional pump at the sewer plant. The mayor called Roger Perry and put him on speaker phone to address the issue. Mr. Perry stated the problem is the entire lift station which is part of the original sewer plant the Town purchased in 1963 or 1964. Replacement parts for this are nonexistent now. Replacement equipment has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. Once the equipment is delivered, Living Water Services is ready for installation. Living Water Services has a portable back-up pump if it is needed. Richard Atchison stated there will also be an electrical upgrade when this work is done which will make it easier to use the portable generator when needed during power outages.

Melissa Rosetta stated Diane Webb has resigned as one of the librarians. She stated Diane has done an excellent job and will be missed.

Blake Ray stated when social gathering restrictions are lifted, he hopes we can have a ribbon cutting or something to welcome the new pharmacy business.

#### Public Comment

Lane Ross asked if notification could be given when water will be turned off for repair work.

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 7:42 P. M.

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E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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Attest