

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, June 01, 2020, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. Mayor Lee McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M.

Newly elected Councilwoman Mavis Cohill was sworn in by Town Clerk Kay Ray and took her seat on the council.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Edward Cohill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was let by Edward Cohill.

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

The minutes of the May 18, 2020, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Councilman Atchison stated he did not remember any mention of Shelby County being asked to assist in the demolition of the building adjacent to Central Park, as stated on page two of the minutes. Melissa Rosetta seconded that opinion. Ricky Morris made a motion to accept the minutes with the above change; Blake Ray seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, abstain; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The May, 2020, Treasurer's Report was presented by Council Fluker, as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Total Income:	\$39,110.79
	Total Expenses:	\$38,213.90
	Total Net Income	\$ 896.89
	Total Liquid Assets:	\$1,900,277.44
WATER WORKS	Total Income:	\$61,309.96
	Total Expenses:	\$29,969.11
	Total Net Income:	\$31,340.85
	Total Liquid Assets:	\$776,315.12

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Gordon Fluker made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; Ivan Greene seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

### Mayoral Announcements

There will be a fireworks presentation Sunday, June 28, beginning at 8:30 or 8:45 in the evening. The permit for the fireworks requires social distancing be guaranteed. Most people will probably stay in their vehicles. This restriction will be advertised, and deputies will be present to enforce it.

Due to the Covid19 pandemic, the traditional annual God and Country Celebration will be postponed until September, at least.

A proposed contract between C-Spire and the Town of Wilsonville has been received. Attorney Josh Arnold has been working on a counter-proposed contract. The mayor urged everyone to go on-line and express an interest in having C-Spire provide internet services for the Town. We are the smallest town seeking an agreement with them. Some Covid19 monies may be used for enhanced internet service. This is our best shot, so far, to obtain better internet service; we need to do our best to follow up on this issue. Councilman Fluker asked what our commitment is in the contract. The mayor stated, in the original contract, the franchise fee paid to the town is low; we are asking for it to be raised to five per cent. If C-Spire does install the service, we may offer to rebate some of that for a period of time as an incentive. That would be a future issue.

Kelley Taft was to come to the meeting tonight and do a presentation concerning the Highway 25 sidewalk project; however, due to the recently imposed curfew in Birmingham, she was unable to get here. The mayor hopes she will be at the June 22 meeting. The total cost of the project is around \$741,000.00; the Town will be putting in less than \$200,000.00. The mayor was able to get \$94,000.00 toward the project from the Birmingham Regional Planning Commission, as well as some additional funding from the Alabama Department of Transportation.

Originally, ALDOT said guard rails would not be needed but later said the guard rails will be required. There will be lighting, some crossover bridges over the drainage ditch, and trees along the sidewalk.

In answer to Councilman Fluker's question at the last meeting concerning who is responsible for striping the parking spaces in front of the businesses on North Main and across the street from those businesses, the mayor said the businesses are responsible for the area in front of those businesses and the Town is responsible for the spaces across the street. He suggested waiting until the sidewalk project is completed and then contacting the company that striped the Town Hall parking lot to do the striping on both sides of North Main Street with the Town paying for the entire job.

Wilsonville is at 59.9% participation in the 2020 census. We need to do better. So much depends on an accurate count (federal funding, congressional representation, etc.). He asked everyone to urge our citizens to fill out the census information and return it either by mail or on the internet. Census workers will be going door to door in July to try to make contact with those who have not responded and assist them in doing so. The goal for all of Shelby County is 90% participation.

There will be a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting this Thursday at 11:00 A. M. at the Wilsonville Pharmacy, sponsored by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce. Social distancing will be required. The mayor asked everyone who can to come and support this new business.

The mayor stated the Wilsonville councils have been very careful with the Town money over the years and he would like to spend some of that money for the people in the jurisdiction. Some people are out of work due to the Covid19 pandemic and could use some assistance. He would like to get some food trucks to come to town and offer vouchers to the workers who have continued to work through the pandemic and to those who are out of work because of the pandemic. He suggested having this service for the month of July. There will also be construction workers in town for the sidewalk and the Highway 25 bridge construction who might give the food trucks added business. This would also be helpful in getting a potential headcount for pursuing getting a restaurant to locate

in town in the future. He asked for council opinions. Richard Atchison said his initial thought is it's farfetched, but the idea of helping the community has merit. Mavis Cohill said more information needs to be presented before a decision can be made. Gordon Fluker asked how much money would be spent; he would think the food truck would need a guarantee of some sort of minimum income to come. Maybe what we need to do is buy some property that could be offered for a restaurant. We need a cost for one month before we proceed. Ivan Greene said he thinks the idea has some merit and deserves looking into, but more information is needed before we proceed. Ricky Morris asked how the people would get the vouchers. Blake Ray said maybe we could do a Citizen Appreciation Week, maybe involving filling out census forms could be included. Melissa Rosetta stated she thinks there are plenty of people who are in need. Following this discussion, Mayor McCarty appointed the following committee to investigate these ideas and report to the council June 22: Mavis Cohill, Ivan Greene, Blake Ray.

The mayor suggested possibly doing the meals beginning July 6 through July 31. We will need specifics. We need to take a census of the local workers (Hudd's Food Center, Dollar General, Paul's Shell, Jerry's Bait & Tackle, Firefighters, deputies who work in town). Possibly give away two or three meals per person per week. The committee is asked to have a price tag for this June 22. Ricky Morris stated a cap needs to be put on the amount to spend. Richard Atchison asked how we would go about identifying the needy.

Mavis Cohill suggested setting up a table outside Hudd's Food Center and Dollar General to help people fill out their census forms. Perhaps, they could be given a chance to win a prize from local merchants.

The Covid19 pandemic numbers just keep getting worse instead of better. Doubling time for cases in Shelby County is now thirty-two days. Everyone needs to cooperate in being careful and obeying the rules.

Qualifying to run for office in the August municipal election begins July 7<sup>th</sup> and ends July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ordinance No. 200601, Back to School Tax Free Holiday, was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 200601

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WILSONVILLE, ALABAMA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN “COVERED ITEMS” FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE THIRD FULL WEEKEND OF JULY, 2019, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2006-574, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE SALES TAX HOLIDAY LEGISLATION.

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

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions Act 2006-574 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2006 Regular Session, providing for a State Sales Tax Holiday, the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama exempts “covered items” from municipal sales and use tax during the same period, beginning at 12:01 a. m., on the third Friday of July, 2020 (July 17, 2020) and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday (July 19, 2020).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2006-574, except that the time period shall only be as specified in Section 1 above and not for all years thereafter.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance under the seal of the Town of Wilsonville, Alabama, and to forward said certified copy to the Alabama Department of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Department website.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2020.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF June, 2020.

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E. L. McCarty, Mayor

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Attest: Town Clerk

Richard Atchison made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 200601, as presented; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Ivan Greene, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Council Comment

Gordon Fluker asked if there was anything salvageable in the old restaurant building on Highway 25 that is proposed to be demolished. There is probably not anything of value there.

Public Comment

Larry Lowe stated there would need to be more than one weeks data on the Food Truck issue.

Mr. Lowe also commented on the cost of the sidewalk project.

Edward Cohill stated what Wilsonville needs is a good steak restaurant or maybe even catfish.

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 consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P. M.

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E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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