

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, June 22, 2020, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee McCarty at 6:21 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, Mavis Cohill, Gordon Fluker, Ivan Greene, Ricky Morris, Blake Ray, Melissa Rosetta.

The minutes of the June 01, 2020, regular council 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. 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.

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. There was a question about an \$1,800 check for Beautification Board expenses. It was for clearing behind the fence at the Hebb Road garden. The growth was leaning on the fence and coming over the top. Richard Atchison asked if, now that this has been cleared, the town employees can keep it cleared rather than paying someone else to maintain it. Following this discussion, Ricky Morris made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; Blake Ray seconded. The motion was approved 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.

Kelley Taft, representing The Kelley Group, presented a report on the Highway 25 Sidewalk Project. Mayor McCarty stated, in the Town Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2012, walkability was stressed. Ms. Taft said adjustments had to be made in the plan in order to stay in the existing rights-of-way, making it necessary to have guard rails and handrails, which added to the expense, especially in front of the cemetery and in areas where the sidewalk is on the Highway 25 side of the drainage ditch. Bids have been accepted, approved, and awarded by ALDOT. There will be a pre-construction meeting soon. The sidewalk will go from the Highway 61 and 25 intersection to the post office. In front of Central Park,

stamped concrete, to match what is in the Park, will be used. There will be two directional signs installed at the 61/25 intersection. Curbs and gutters will be installed along Highway 25, raising the sidewalk, which will be five feet wide in some places and six feet wide in others. The hand rails are made of cast aluminum and have lighting.

Councilman Fluker asked about the increase from \$400,000.00 to \$741,000.00 for the project. This increase was mostly due to the requirement for handrails and guard rails, which were not in the original plans. Richard Atchison stated the council was not made aware of the increase in an ongoing manner but are just learning about it. Ms. Taft said some reductions could be made if some of the extras were eliminated, such as the signage and the stamped concrete. Mayor McCarty stated he has never seen a government project that did not go over budget and for what we will be getting, he thinks it is worth it. The Town's share of the expenses, with the overage, is \$225,542.50. The construction contract is a ninety day contract. Mavis Cohill asked if there is a warranty on the work; there is. Councilman Fluker stated we can get good or we can get cheap; he thinks it would be foolish not to do the project, as presented.

Following the discussion, Gordon Fluker made a motion to accept the project as presented and to approve the bid from Triple J Construction for \$731,742.00. Ivan Greene seconded the motion which 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.

Ivan Greene made a motion to approve a Notice to Proceed for the Highway 25 Sidewalk Project; Mavis Cohill 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.

Mayor McCarty thanked Kelley Taft for coming to the meeting and making the presentation.

#### Mayoral Announcements

There will be a fireworks presentation, Sunday, June 28, beginning around

8:45 P. M. It is suggested everyone remain in their vehicles and maintain social distancing at that time. The Health Department is requiring social distancing, and deputies will be here to enforce, if needed. The question was asked who was paying for the fireworks. The Town will be paying for them this year. It will probably be between \$2,500.00 and \$3,000.00.

The mayor will be attending an ALDOT meeting this Thursday.

There will also be a C-Spire meeting soon. This will be an in person meeting; the other meetings have been Zoom meetings,

There has been a Covid-19 outbreak in Harpersville. Their police chief has tested positive but has since received a negative test result. Other members of the department have been tested. The results, so far, have been negative but all are not back yet.

The mayor is concerned about our fire department. They need to be cautious.

The Covid-19 virus is still spreading and we all need to be very careful. There are now 30,000 cases in Alabama; there were only 300 at the end of March. We are not out of the woods yet. To be blunt, it is ignorant not to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

The committee (Mayor McCarty, Mavis Cohill, Ivan Greene, Blake Ray) on the possibility of having food trucks come to town met last week. At that meeting, discussion was had concerning having the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama do a distribution here in Wilsonville. This could be done at the Wilsonville Elementary School. It has been done in Vincent and was very successful. We know there are around twenty families in Wilsonville who are in need. We would provide the location and personnel to load the food into vehicles. This could possibly begin July 9<sup>th</sup> or July 16<sup>th</sup> and continue every other week thereafter. There would be an expense of around \$500.00 for banners, directional signs, and masks. Mavis Cohill was asked about having a census kiosk on site. Robin Griffin is also working on this. We can go through Reginald Holloway, Shelby County, to coordinate the census kiosk. Mavis Cohill had also suggested giving coupons for the grocery store and gas station to those in need.

School opening for the 2020/2021 year is still up in the air.

The mayor would still like to try and get food trucks here. If we could get an idea of business done with the trucks, it might help us attract a restaurant to locate in the Town. There was a concern about making it fair if vouchers were given out for food at the trucks. The trucks will come expecting a minimum, and if sales do not meet the minimum, the Town would have to make up the difference. Blake Ray suggested bringing a food truck on September 6, for the God and Country Celebration and provide food for that event. Gordon Fluker stated it will be hard to get a restaurant to locate here; no franchise will do it. It would just about have to be someone local. The mayor said he would like to have somewhere for the construction workers, who will be in town, to eat while they are here. He stated he thinks that will generate business for the existing businesses, as well, if they do not have to leave town in order to buy lunch. We will talk about this more at the next meeting.

Larry Lowe talked about the census. Reginald Holloway, Shelby County, will provide I-pads and personnel for the census at the food distribution. So far, 61.3% of Wilsonville residents have filled out the census information. August 11, census representatives will begin going door to door to those who have not responded.

Ordinance Number 200622, Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, was discussed. This is an update for our flood ordinance which is administered by Shelby County. Gordon Fluker wanted a copy of the existing ordinance so he could compare the two. He objected to the need for the new ordinance. This will be on the agenda for the July 6 regular council meeting.

Resolution 200622, Appointing City Clerk Election Manager, was introduced as follows:

TOWN OF WILSONVILLE  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 200622

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY CLERK ELECTION MANAGER

WHEREAS, a Municipal Election will be held in the Town of Wilsonville on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has attended many training sessions this year and is deemed a disinterested party and is charged with the election procedure; so

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council appoints the Town Clerk to perform all election duties required to be performed by the Mayor per Title 11 and Title 17 for the Municipal Election dated August 25, 2020, and any run-off election held thereafter.

Presented and adopted this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020

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E. L. McCarty, Mayor

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Richard Atchison, Councilman

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Mavis Cohill, Councilwoman

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Gordon Fluker, Councilman

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Ivan Greene, Councilman

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Ricky Morris, Councilman

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Blake Ray, Councilman

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Melissa Rosetta, Councilwoman

Richard Atchison made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 200622;  
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.

Town Clerk Kay Ray provided information about the municipal election. The election will be Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Notice of the Election will be posted Tuesday, August 07, 2020. Qualifying begins at 8:00 A. M., Tuesday, July 7 and ends at 5:00 O. M., Tuesday, July 21. Qualifying fees are \$25.00 for the council race and \$50.00 for the mayoral race. The mayor is paid \$900.00 per month beginning in November, 2020; council members are paid \$50.00 per month plus \$100.00 per meeting, not to exceed \$250.00 per month. The council meets the first Monday and the next to the last Monday of each month at 6:30 P. M. Candidates must file Fair Campaign Practices Act Reports for which they are responsible. Information will be given to those who qualify to run. Candidates must also file a Statement of Economic Interests Report with the Alabama Ethics Commission within five days of qualifying. Those running for reelection will have already filed the Ethics Commission report this year and do not have to refile.

#### Council Comment

Melissa Rosetta asked about a tree on Hebb Road which is dead and in danger of falling. The mayor stated the tree is on private property, and we cannot do anything about it.

Gordon Fluker said there are potholes on Old Lokey Ferry Road and Hummingbird Lane that need attention. He called the county highway department but they said it is the Town's. The mayor will contact Shelby County and we will pay them to do the necessary repairs.

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 consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 P. M.

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E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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Attest