

November 02, 2020

The Swearing-In Ceremony was called to order by Town Clerk Kay Ray at 6:30 P. M.

Judge Mike Atchison administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected Town of Wilsonville officials: Ricky Morris, Mayor; Richard Atchison, Councilman; Mavis Cohill, Councilwoman; W. Gordon Fluker, Councilman; Lauren Kennamer, Councilwoman; Larry Lowe, Councilman; Blake Ray, Councilman; Melissa Rosetta, Councilwoman.

The Organizational Meeting of the Wilsonville Town Council was called to order by Mayor Ricky Morris at 6:39 P. M., November 02, 2020.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilman Blake Ray.

Councilman Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following council members answered roll call: Richard Atchison, Mavis Cohill, Gordon Fluker, Lauren Kennamer, Larry Lowe, Blake Ray, Melissa Rosetta.

The minutes of the October 19, 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; Melissa Rosetta seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, abstain; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The October, 2020, Treasurer's Report was presented by Councilman Fluker, as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Total Income:	\$ 40,508.34
	Total Expenses:	\$202,037.21
	Net Income:	(\$161,528.87)

The negative income figure is due to payments on the Highway 25 Sidewalk project, 80% of which will be reimbursed at a later date.

	Total Liquid Assets:	\$1,772,533.39
WATER WORKS	Total Income:	\$53,364.92
	Total Expenses:	\$24,720.27
	Net Income:	\$28,644.65
	Total Liquid Assets:	\$885,930.32

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

Mayor Morris recommended Blake Ray be appointed pro-tem for the council. Richard Atchison made a motion to appoint Councilman Blake Ray as pro-tem; Larry Lowe seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, abstain; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayor Morris recommended the Rules of Procedure for conducting council meetings remain the same with no changes. Larry Lowe made a motion to maintain the Rules of Procedure, as they are; Richard Atchison seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The election of the Council Treasurer was next on the agenda. Blake Ray nominated Lauren Kennamer for the position of Treasurer; Melissa Rosetta seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Councilwoman Rosetta thanked Gordon Fluker for his service as treasurer.

Mayor Morris recommended reappointing Kay Ray as Town Clerk. Larry Lowe made a motion to reappoint Kay Ray as Town Clerk; Richard Atchison seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayor Morris recommended reappointing Davy Edwards as Fire Chief of the Wilsonville Volunteer Fire Department. Melissa Rosetta made a motion to reappoint Davy Edwards as Fire Chief; Mavis Cohill seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The mayor recommended approving the Ratification of Depositories for Funds to remain as it is. Funds are deposited at SouthPoint Bank (checking and certificates of deposit). Richard Atchison made a motion to continue using SouthPoint Bank as Depository for Town Funds. Melissa Rosetta seconded the motion which passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Gordon Fluker, yes; Lauren Kennamer, abstain; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayoral Announcements

Mayor Morris encouraged everyone to continue wearing masks and washing hands to prevent the spread of the Covid19 virus.

He also commented on the recent damage from Tropical Storm Zeta which came through our area last Wednesday morning. Wilsonville came close to being without water due to the extensive power outages. The mayor expressed his appreciation to Roger and Paula Perry for their hard work in keeping everything going. He thanked the work the Fire Department did in clearing trees off the roads.

The Town, with the help of Councilman Richard Atchison, purchased a generator last year. This was used during the power outage and certainly did its job. He thanked Councilman Atchison for securing this equipment for the Town.

The mayor encouraged everyone to thank the linemen, who are still at work in the area, restoring power. They have worked long hours to get everything back on, and we need to show our appreciation.

Mayor Morris asked everyone to remember the Wreathes Across America project. Councilman Lowe said the project is going well.

The mayor has a meeting with ALDOT officials, the grant writer, and the contractor concerning the Highway 25 Sidewalk Project, this Thursday.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Thursday, November 5th, at 7:00 P. M., in the Council Chamber Room at the Town Hall.

Council Comment

Gordon Fluker reported on the latest food distribution. Two-hundred-sixty boxes were distributed. There were thirty volunteers who worked.

The town clerk expressed thanks to Larry and Barbara Lowe for the extra time and effort they took to clean up after the event.

Gordon Fluker said he was glad to see Paula Perry back at work.

Mavis Cohill reported we have several food trucks coming on a regular basis now. There is a BBQ truck, a taco truck, Little London, and an Italian food truck. So far, they all seem to be doing well and are pleased with the business.

Richard Atchison stated younger volunteers are needed for the food distribution. The work includes lifting the boxes which are not light weight and younger, stronger backs would help a lot. Melissa Rosetta agreed!

Melissa Rosetta expressed her thanks to the Alabama Power workers for getting the power back on at the polling place in time for the election.

Re-stripping the parking places in front of the businesses on North Main Street and across the street along Highway 61 was mentioned. It was mentioned the businesses may be responsible for the ones on their side of the road.

Lauren Kenamer asked about the pothole at the Fire Department. Mayor Morris stated that repair job is in the works.

Mavis Cohill mentioned the need for bottled water at Wilsonville Elementary School. All the water fountains are turned off due to the Covid19 situation. You can notify the school, and an employee will meet you at their mailbox beside the school to get the water. Children are also at risk of this deadly virus. Ricky Morris stated he thinks the response has already been good concerning this request.

Blake Ray asked if there will be an official ceremony to light the Christmas tree this year. There will be no official ceremony, but the tree will be put up and lit for the enjoyment of all. Larry Lowe will get with Roger Perry to set a date for putting the tree up.

Kay Ray stated internet service was not restored at Town Hall until this morning, following the storm.

Public Comment

Robin Griffin thanked Lee McCarty and Ivan Greene for their support of the library during their their tenure in office. The public can access WIFI from the parking lot beside Town Hall. At Trunk or Treat, the library distributed book bags for the children.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P, M.

Ricky Ray Morris, Mayor

Attest