

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, December 07, 2020, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. Mayor Ricky Morris called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilman Blake Ray.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilman Ray.

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

The minutes of the November 23, 2020, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Melissa Rosetta made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented; Larry Lowe seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Melissa Rosetta, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Richard Atchison, yes.

The November Treasurer's Report was presented by Councilwoman Kennamer as follows:

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| GENERAL FUND | Total Income: | \$ 90,446.82 |
| | Total Expense: | \$243,476.27 |
| | Net Income: | (\$153,029.45) |

The negative number is due to a payment on the sidewalk project of \$171,613.44, 80% of which will be reimbursed.

Total Liquid Assets: \$1,652,566.67

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| WATER WORKS | Total Income: | \$65,831.95 |
| | Total Expense: | \$31,439.30 |
| | Net Income: | \$34,392.65 |

Total Liquid Assets: \$920,855.80

Checks were examined by the council members 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, abstain; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, abstain; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The proposed contract with Avenu for business license administration was discussed. Bill Justice, town attorney, looked over the contract and approved it. Richard Atchison made a motion to approve the contract; Lauren Kennamer seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, no.

Robin Griffin presented a Library Report. We have replaced the six public use computers with four new ones, due to space issues. There is also a new staff computer. These updates were required. The library is in need of more space. There is also a problem in that a lot of the citizens are unaware there is a library in Wilsonville. We need signage about the library and its location. The WIFI availability from the parking lot also needs to be publicized. There were 600 connections to the WIFI in October and 900 connections in November. Robin would like to do a mail out this summer about the library. The library has its own face book page. We are down to one hot spot for checkout; one disappeared. Robin is trying to get another one, but at the moment, they are scarce. The hot spots cost \$25.00 per month for unlimited use and can be checked out for seven days, once a month, per household.

Fire Chief Davy Edwards reported there were sixteen fire calls last month. There was slight damage to the chief's truck from a fallen tree during the recent storm.

Chief Edwards also discussed the Santa Claus Drive by. If the sleigh is put on a trailer and driven around, it will be impossible to go to some areas. Perhaps the sleigh will go to some areas and Santa can ride inside a fire truck in tighter areas. Candy will not be involved due to liability issues. When the date is set, the event will be publicized. If anyone has any ideas for how to proceed, please contact Davy.

The Food Pantry give away, in November, gave out three hundred boxes to forty-four families in one-hundred-thirty-eight cars. The December give away will be Tuesday, December 15. The boxes will be prepacked when they arrive. There will be two boxes per family, a regular box and a Christmas box. Richard Atchison

stated this project is getting better each time. The traffic situation went much better in November. This is a learning process with improvement each month.

The Wreathes Across America event will be Saturday, December 19. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 A. M., in the gym at the Wilsonville Baptist Church. Larry Lowe stated the wreathes have been shipped and help would be welcome unloading them when they arrive. They will be delivered to the Town Hall Parking Lot.

Kelley Taft, representing The Kelley Group, addressed the council concerning issues with the Highway 25 sidewalk project, which is a project in partnership with ALDOT. The project is 55% to 60% complete. The guardrails installed for the project are six inches too high which is causing sight issues. Alabama Guardrail did the installation and will be correcting the problem.

There is a problem with egress/ingress at Specialty Wood Products. Large trucks are having a problem making the turn to make deliveries. The design was done using software modeling and meets the twelve foot minimum standards. There is thirty-five feet at Specialty Wood. This is a perception issue. ALDOT says it is properly designed and installed. This can be left as it is or the Town can pay \$2,512.00 to fix it and a change order will be done. Jonathan Davis, one of the owners of Specialty Wood, stated the driveway has been there forty years and long trucks have an issue making the turn. Roger Perry stated there is room to put the sidewalk on the other side of the drainage ditch. This would put it on top of the sewer line, but that shouldn't be a problem and might even protect the sewer line, which is inside the state right-of-way. The Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has offered to help with paying to correct the issue. Resolution No. 201207-1 was presented for consideration as follows:

TOWN OF WILSONVILLE

RESOLUTION NO. 201207 - 1

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville discussed the Alabama Department of Transportation's (ALDOT) requirement to relocate the guardrail installed by Triple J Construction, LLC., as part of the Town's Hwy 25 Streetscape Improvements project (ALDOT Project No. TAPNU-TA17(907)).

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville agrees to pay 20 % of the sum of \$2,512.50 for the removal and relocation of the guardrail on ALDOT right-of-way at the ingress/egress location of Specialty Wood Products. Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has agreed to pay 80% of the cost.

Therefore, Wilsonville will be financially responsible to pay \$502.40 and MPO will be financially responsible for \$2,009.60.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, adopted on this this the 7th day of December, 2020.

RICKY MORRIS
Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

KAY RAY
Town Clerk

After some discussion, Larry Lowe made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 201207-1, as shown above; Blake Ray seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The project was originally designed without guardrails. ALDOT reviewed the plans and required guard rails. ALDOT, then, approved the plans which called for black guard rails. After a section was painted black, ALDOT said black guard rails are not acceptable; they must be galvanized and not painted. Ms. Taft stated it is best to work with ALDOT, not against them, if the Town ever has another project planned. The Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has also offered to help with paying to correct this issue, as well. Resolution No. 201207-2 was presented for consideration as follows:

TOWN OF WILSONVILLE

RESOLUTION NO. 201207 - 2

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville discussed the Alabama Department of Transportation's (ALDOT) requirement to address the paint issue on the guardrail installed by

Triple J Construction, LLC., as part of the Town's Hwy 25 Streetscape Improvements project (ALDOT Project No. TAPNU-TA17(907)).

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville agrees to pay 20% of the sum of \$17,725.00 for the removal and new installation of the guardrail. Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has agreed to pay 80% of the cost.

Therefore, Wilsonville will be financially responsible to pay \$3,545.00 and MPO will be financially responsible for \$14,180.00.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, adopted on this this the 7th day of December, 2020.

RICKY MORRIS
Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

KAY RAY
Town Clerk

Larry Lowe made a motion to adopt Resolution 201207-2, as shown above; Melissa Rosetta seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Melissa Rosetta, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Richard Atchison, yes.

Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has also offered to fund an additional \$12,000.00 for the project for other issues that may arise with the town paying \$3,000.00 for a total of \$15,000.00, if needed. Ms. Taft stated, right now, the project is coming in under budget. She does not think these funds will be needed, but if they are needed, they would be there, as a safeguard. Resolution No. 201207-3 was introduced as follows:

TOWN OF WILSONVILLE

RESOLUTION NO. 201207 - 3

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville discussed the Alabama Department of Transportation's (ALDOT) the additional fund request for the Town's Hwy 25 Streetscape Improvements project (ALDOT Project No. TAPNU-TA17(907)).

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilsonville agrees to request additional funds totaling \$15,000 from Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for additional project funds as needed. The Town agrees to pay 20% and MPO has agreed to pay 80% of the cost.

Therefore, Wilsonville will be financially responsible to pay \$3,000.00 and MPO will be financially responsible for \$12,000.00.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, adopted on this this the 7th day of December, 2020.

RICKY MORRIS
Mayor

ATTESTED BY:

KAY RAY
Town Clerk

Melissa Rosetta made a motion to adopt Resolution 201207-03, as shown above; Larry Lowe seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Council Comment

Larry Lowe stated the Christmas lights on the buildings in town need attention. Some of them are in disrepair. The Town has a bucket truck that does not currently run, and we need to either fix it or sell it and get something with which we can reach the lights to repair them. It was stated the bucket truck was taken to Farr Automotive and could not be repaired. It was an old truck when the town bought it and is not in good shape. It probably could not be sold; no one would want it. In that case,

Mr. Lowe said we should either find a way to maintain the lights or take them down.

It was suggested we contact Chris Powell, who has some lift equipment and get a price from him concerning the lights. Mr. Lowe will contact him.

Blake Ray asked about the council seat vacancy. He asked if the vacancy could be posted in the three usual places in Town to make more people aware of the

situation. The vacancy has been posted on the Town Website, but not everyone looks at that.

The clerk will post the vacancy tomorrow. There is one interested party, so far, who came to Town Hall and left his name.

Public Comment

Jonathan Davis expressed his appreciation to the Town for the concern and help in the situation at Specialty Wood.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

Attest