

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, April 05, 2021, 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.

Councilman Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The minutes of the March 22, 2021, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Larry Lowe made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented; Don Belcher seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, abstain; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, abstain; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The March, 2021, Treasurer's Report was presented by Councilwoman Kennamer as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Total Income:	\$ 60,476.68
	Total Expense:	\$212,399.71
	Net Income:	(\$151,923.03)
	Total Liquid Assets:	\$1,415,640.52
WATER WORKS	Total Income:	\$31,466.56
	Total Expense:	\$26,137.77
	Net Income:	\$ 5,328.79
	Total Liquid Assets:	\$952,983.83

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Blake Ray had a question about the check to Alabama Power for the lease at Yellowleaf Field. The clerk stated this is an annual expense. Don Belcher made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; Blake Ray seconded. The motion

passed with the following vote: Melissa Rosetta, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Richard Atchison, yes.

Purchasing a new backhoe was the next item on the agenda. Councilman Richard Atchison stated the backhoe we now have is seventeen years old and has 3,000 hours of use on it. It is in need of major maintenance and replacement of the tires, all of which is quite costly. We could buy a new one and sell the one we now have through Gov Deals. If we get a new one, we need one with a cab and a thumb attachment. These items would be ideal for storm debris removal, when needed. The cost of a new backhoe will probably be between \$90,000.00 and \$100,000.00. Councilman Atchison asked this be put on the agenda for the April 19 council meeting. We might be able to get \$30,000.00 for the backhoe we now have. Backhoes are not on the state bid list but are on another list we can use and will not have to be bid.

#### Mayoral Announcements

The mayor announced the following Library events: Gardening With the Greens, April 7, 1:00 P. M., at Town Hall; Herbal Talk with Rhonda Dial, April 22, 6:30 P. M., at Town Hall; Paint Your Own Pottery for Mother's Day, April 24, 10:00 A. M., in the library.

There was a water main break Saturday night on Hebb Road. The mayor thanked the employees and the following people who assisted with the repair: Brian Chapple, Davy Edwards, H. D. Edwards, Shane Miskelly, Scotty Morris, and Donnie Smith. The mayor also assisted.

Councilwoman Kennamer reported she has e-mailed The Kelley Group about the issues with the sidewalk and will be meeting with them later this week to discuss a plan of action for making the necessary corrections.

The mayor has spoken to State Senator Jim McLendon about internet service. SpaceX and Amazon are working on satellite internet, but that seems to be a future possibility. Richard Atchison stated some satellites are already up and by the end of the year, that option may be available. Don Belcher asked about the fiber optic cable option. More than likely, our population is too scattered for a

company to consider that option here. The mayor mentioned the possibility of our getting a grant to help with expenses. He asked for a volunteer from the council to work on this issue. Larry Lowe stated he would be willing to do that.

Mayor Morris asked Councilwoman Melissa Rosetta if she would be willing to head up a planning committee for community activities in the future when the Covid19 virus is under control.

The Food Bank give away will be Tuesday, April 20. Volunteers are always needed for these events.

### Council Comment

Richard Atchison stated Brian Perry, who is working on telemetry for the water system, noticed Saturday the water pressure was down. He thought it was a problem with his sensor; however, it turned out to be the leak on the system. This is one reason we need the telemetry.

Richard Atchison also mentioned an automated telephone system to alert citizens of weather issues that is available through Shelby County at no charge.

Mayor Morris mentioned the improvements to the water system will benefit the fire department as well as the water department. The improvements will help our ISO rating.

Mavis Cohill mentioned drop boxes at local businesses where you can drop in a ticket when you are shopping for a drawing in late May.

The mayor has spoken with Mr. Anish about his planned gas station at the former Paul's Shell location.

Blake Ray expressed his appreciation to the Wilsonville Baptist Church for offering their basement for shelter when we had tornado warnings March 17 (about forty people) and March 25 (about two-hundred people). The church is not an official tornado safe structure and is not required to open. Blake stated some of the people brought food and water to share. The Town needs an official tornado shelter. ADECA may be a starting point at which to inquire about grants for that.

It was mentioned, if the large water tank on Oakland Avenue is retired, it might be used as a shelter. The Alabama League of Municipalities may also have information about this issue. Don Belcher stated he has spoken with local county emergency people who said there are no federal grants available at this time. Wilsonville was approved for a federal grant some years ago; however the grant money ran out before they got to us.

Melissa Rosetta stated the limbs at the entrance to Homestead Subdivision are getting worse. She asked when the Shelby County Highway Department would be trimming them. The mayor will send town employees to trim the worst of the limbs.

Councilwoman Rosetta also asked when the barrels and speed limit signs will be removed at the Highway 25 Bridge construction area since the project seems to be completed. Councilman Atchison stated these items cannot be removed until ALDOT has done the final inspection on the work, and we have no control over that matter.

Don Belcher mentioned the United States Flag at Central Park needs to be replaced. Richard Atchison suggested buying two flags so we will have a spare when the next one needs replacing.

Mayor Morris is talking to two citizens about being in charge of the flag at Central Park but does not have a firm commitment yet.

Public Comment – There was none.

There being no further business to come before the council, Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn. Don Belcher seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P. M.

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Ricky Morris, Mayor

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