

The Wilsonville Town Council met, Monday, May 24, 2021, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Blake Ray called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M. Mayor Ricky Morris was not in attendance due to attending his grandson's graduation.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilman Don Belcher.

Councilman Belcher led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following council members answered roll call: Richard Atchison, Don Belcher, Lauren Kennamer, Larry Lowe, Blake Ray, Melissa Rosetta. Mavis Cohill was not present.

The minutes of the May 03, 2021, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Melissa Rosetta stated her comment about when the council members will be seated on the dais was left out of the minutes and she wanted that corrected. With that correction added, Melissa Rosetta made a motion to approve the minutes; Larry Lowe seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

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

The 2020 uncollectable utility accounts were discussed. Every year, these expenses need to be removed from our records. They are recorded as uncollectable on the computer, and if the customer should move back to Wilsonville, these expenses will have to be paid before new service can be obtained. Melissa Rosetta made a motion to approve the uncollectable utility accounts for removal; Don Belcher seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Ordinance Number 210524 – State Sales Tax Holiday – Back to School was introduced, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 210524

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, 2021, 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, 2021 (July 16, 2021) and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday (July 18, 2021).

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, 2021.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF May, 2021.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

Attest: Town Clerk

Richard Atchison made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 210524, as presented; Lauren Kennamer seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The Town has been asked to proclaim May, 2021, as Mental Health Month, in Wilsonville. The sponsor wants to have one-hundred per cent participation; therefore, the following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NUMBER R210524

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being;
and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives,
and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health
conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong research that diet, exercise, sleep and stress
management can help all Americans protect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

WHEREAS, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health
conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business school, government agency, healthcare provider,
organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a
responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

THEREFORE, WE THE WILSONVILLE TOWN COUNCIL, do hereby proclaim
May, 2021, as Mental Health Month in the Town of Wilsonville. As the Town
Council, we also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private
institutions, businesses, and schools in Wilsonville to recommit our community to
increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens
can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and
accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

The backhoe purchase was discussed. Richard Atchison stated the firm price for the backhoe is \$106,433.42. This is a John Deere backhoe and will come from Warrior Tractor in Northport. We are buying through Sourcewell and do not have to bid it out. The enclosed cab and the thumb are for the Fire Department. Both these options will be useful when storms come through to keep the guys warm and dry and enable them to pick up trees and move them out of the road. We will sell the old backhoe, probably through Gov-Deals. Richard stated he thinks we will get close to \$30,000.00 for it. Richard Atchison made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the backhoe; Don Belcher seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Announcements

The water tank on Highway 25 has been cleaned. The exterior needs to be painted; the primer is intact so the sooner we paint it the better. There are a few places on the inside of the tank that need some touch up work, as well. The entire paint job will be \$48,700.00. We need to proceed with this work as soon as possible so we will not have to apply new primer. Also, the tank needs to be utilized. Larry Lowe made a motion to have the tank painted; Don Belcher seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The mayor sent a message there are two trees in the cemetery that need to be removed. We do not, at this time, have an estimate for the tree removal.

The sidewalk project is ongoing. We have received \$328,000.00 refund from what we have paid, as per the grant, from ALDOT. The Kelley Group had people here today looking at the guardrail situation. They are still checking with ALDOT for a solution to that problem.

Mr. McSherdon, who lives at the corner of Weldon Street and Highway 25 has a problem. ALDOT was cutting the steep bank in front of his house for quite some time. They have not cut it recently and he is unable to cut it himself. He has tried contacting ALDOT but cannot get them to answer his calls. There was some discussion but no solution.

June 27 is the God and Country Celebration.

There is a burn ban for Shelby County effective until October 31, 2021. There are a few exceptions. There is a notice on the Town Hall Bulletin Board and on the front door concerning the ban with two contact numbers to call to request an exception be made.

Council Comment

Don Belcher stated, if the cost of the fireworks for the God and Country Celebration are going to rise significantly next year, could fireworks be purchased now for next year. Richard Atchison stated that is not feasible. Wilsonville Baptist Church asks the businesses and willing individuals to contribute to the cost of the fireworks each year.

Mr. Belcher also stated Patsy Colley is doing a wonderful job with the Food Bank Distribution each month. Mrs. Colley could not be here tonight; however, the town clerk reported 285 families with 212 children were served this month. 145 cars came through the line.

Melissa Rosetta reported, Saturday, June 12, 8:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M., there will be vendors, food trucks, and the Fine Arts Club Plant Sale in the Town Hall parking lot. She hopes to find some vendors with fresh produce. If this event is a success, it will be repeated the second Saturday in July.

Melissa Rosetta also stated it was good to see Roger Perry in attendance tonight.

Lauren Kennamer has had complaints about the condition of Valentine Circle and Valentine Trail. These are not city streets but have been maintained by Shelby County. Roger Perry stated the ownership of those streets is questionable and they may, actually, not belong to anyone. Blake Ray suggested we try to contact Clay Adderholt, Shelby County Highway Department concerning the matter.

Lauren Kennamer asked about a water line request on Highway 61, near the bridge. Roger Perry stated that is on the list of projects to be done; however, right now, there is a severe shortage of both PVC and ductal iron pipe and the

price is extremely high. Our engineer has suggested putting off any water projects requiring pipe for a year to see if the supply will pick up and the price will go down.

Richard Atchison stated the immediate goal for water is to get the new tank into service and the telemetry work done.

Blake Ray asked Roger Perry what the time frame will be for filling the tank after the painting is done. Roger said it would be about a week.

Public Comment

Robin Griffin addressed the council concerning upcoming events at the library. She is doing a mail-out listing upcoming events. A lot of people seem to not know we have a library; she hopes the mail-out will help that situation. Summer Reading will be from June 01 through July 31. Some of the Summer Reading events will be at Oak Meadow Park. There will be a weekly story time at the library, as well as a monthly garden talk. A local author, Gin Phillips, who has a new book out, Family Law, will be speaking at the library soon. Robin has been seeking donations from the local businesses for the library.

Robin also mentioned an opening on the Library Board. She would like to appoint Diane Webb to serve on the board. This was agreeable to everyone.

Nick Ezekiel mentioned the condition of the old Masonic Lodge building; however, this building is the property of Wilsonville Baptist Church, not the Town.

There being no further business to come before the council Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Belcher seconded the motion which received unanimous support.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P. M.

Blake Ray, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest