

The Wilsonville Town Council met Tuesday, September 07, 2021, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ricky Morris at 6:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Councilwoman Melissa Rosetta.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Councilwoman Rosetta.

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

The first agenda item, Lynal Chappell – McGowin Road Issues, was moved up due to Brian Green, engineer, needing to leave early because of a family emergency. Brian Green stated there is currently a two inch water line on McGowan Road. A line upgrade needs to be done but has been postponed due to pipe prices as well as pipe shortages. Roger Perry stated Hurricane Ida has contributed to more problems. Mr. Chappell asked if he could proceed with the two lots that are already there. Mr. Perry stated there is also an issue with fire hydrants at the location. Hydrants need to be within one-thousand feet of a residence. He would, however, not be against Mr. Chappell using the two lots which already have water access. Richard Atchison stated the fire chief would have to sign off on that if there is a fire hydrant issue. Mr. Perry said that would probably be approved since it is grandfathered. Mr. Chappell seemed to be in agreement with the decision to build on the two lots for now.

Roger Perry introduced Brian Green, engineer with the Cassidy Company, to the council. Several years ago, Brian worked on the engineering for the new water tank on Highway 25 and the tie in with Columbiana Water.

The minutes of the August 23, 2021, council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Councilman Lowe asked a typo in paragraph three be corrected. Melissa Rosetta made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; Larry Lowe seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, abstain; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

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

GENERAL FUND	Total Income	\$56,508.24
	Total Expense	\$40,822.28
	Net Income	\$15,685.96
	Total Liquid Assets	\$1,973,497.97
WATER WORKS	Total Income	\$42,611.97
	Total Expense	\$29,631.93
	Net Income	\$12,980.04
	Total Liquid Assets	\$925,630.85

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Larry Lowe 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; Richard Atchison, yes.

Wayne Barber with DeLoach, Barber, and Caspers, presented the FY2020 audit report. He explained there are two sets of financial statements, as required by law. The report was a good one with the usual recommendations concerning the lack of segregation of duties at Town Hall. Following a review of the report, Larry Lowe made a motion to approve it. Blake Ray seconded the motion which passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayor/Council Comment

Mayor Morris said, at the next meeting, we will go over the FY2022 proposed budget. Copies will be mailed to the council members, in advance.

Mayor Morris also stated the dead/dying trees in the cemetery have been removed.

Lauren Kennamer said Triple J Construction has moved equipment in for the sidewalk project work but have not begun the work yet.

Blake Ray said he had noticed Noal Cotney doing weed cutting work along the railroad tracks. He asked if the railroad has any obligation to do that. Ricky Morris stated they used to spray that.

Richard Atchison asked about progress on being able to pay utility bills with credit cards. Roger Perry stated he has ordered new computers recently, but they will not be here until November. There are four or five companies we can work with that will be compatible with our current software.

Melissa Rosetta said the fountains in Central Park need to be cleaned.

Councilwoman Rosetta also asked about our status as a city now. Kay Ray stated she was mistaken about that and quoted incorrect census figures last month. Wilsonville is still a town.

Ricky Morris stated municipal elections have been changed so that these elections will not fall in the same year as presidential elections; therefore, the current mayors and council members will serve an extra year (five years instead of four).

Public Comment – There was none.

There being no further business to come before the council, Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lauren Kennamer seconded the motion which received unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P. M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

Attest