

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, November 01, 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 Councilwoman Melissa Rosetta.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Rosetta.

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 October 18, 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; 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; Don Belcher, yes; Richard Atchison, yes.

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

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| GENERAL FUND: | Total Income: | \$34,512.78 |
| | Total Expense: | \$43,515.06 |
| | Net Income: | (\$ 9,002.28) |
| | Total Liquid Assets: | \$2,202,152.63 |
| WATER WORKS: | Total Income: | \$44,176.13 |
| | Total Expense: | \$56,733.25 |
| | Net Income: | (\$12,557.12) |
| | Total Liquid Assets: | \$919,194.18 |

Checks were examined by the council members immediately prior to the meeting. Blake Ray 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; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendation on Case No. SP21-003 – Wilsonville C-Store – Anish Noorani was the next item on the agenda. The Commission recommends approval of the case. Mr. Noorani plans to tear down half of the existing building and add to the building which will be a gas station and convenience store. Councilman Ray asked if all county requirements have been met, at this time. Kristine Goddard, Shelby County Development Services, stated they have. Don Belcher made a motion to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation; Larry Lowe seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Next on the agenda was the Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendation on Case No. E21-006 – Commercial Vehicles Parked in a Residential District. The recommendation of the Commission is to turn this matter over to the town attorney; a resolution could not be reached. Kristine Goddard, Shelby County Development Services, explained a complaint was filed, inspections were made, and it was

determined the commercial vehicles were being kept on the property. Three letters were sent to the owner of record and the resident concerning this matter, but nothing was done to remedy the situation. Ownership has now changed, and now, the owner and resident are the same person, Dwayne Shears. Mr. Shears has a tree cutting business and is parking large commercial vehicles in his yard. Larry Lowe asked if he was cutting trees off site and bringing the trees to his home. Mr. Shears stated he brings some of them home temporarily. Ms. Goddard stated the fee or fine would depend on court costs. Melissa Rosetta asked if a complaint has been filed. Yes. Mavis Cohill asked Mr. Shears if he was willing to make any concessions. He said he is not. Jim Pace, who owns the property next door to Mr. Shears and filed the complaint, addressed the council. He showed them several pictures he has made. He stated Mr. Shears is bringing in hard wood to sell as firewood. He wants the zoning regulations enforced. Mrs. Pace stated the community means a lot to them. She also stated their property value is a stake. Mr. Shears mentioned there is a water drainage issue on the Pace property with water pooling up in their yard when there is heavy rain. Mr. Shears also stated the trucks are in his back yard, not his front yard. He said he has lakefront property and his front yard is on the water. Ms. Goddard said according to the definition of front yard it is on the street; therefore his back yard is on the water. She stated he could have the commercial vehicles on the property if he built an enclosed building in the back yard in which to store them, but he cannot have them out in the open in R1 Zoning. She stated fines can be as much as \$100.00 per day plus court costs. Mr. Shears said, several times, fines can be levied, but he will not pay them. Blake Ray stated it is the responsibility of the council to forward this issue to the town attorney and made a motion to that effect. Larry Lowe seconded. Richard Atchison asked if the vehicles are moved daily to the work site or are they sitting there for extended periods of time. Mr. Shears said not every vehicle is moved daily. The council voted as follows: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, abstain; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Clas Tran donation request was next on the agenda. Clas Tran requested the donation before the budget was done, but the request was misplaced. They are requesting \$500.00. They provide transportation, for those in need, to doctor appointments, shopping, etc. There are Wilsonville residents who use their services. They are a 501C3 entity. Richard Atchison made a motion to contribute \$500.00 to Clas Tran; Mavis Cohill seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The Owens House has requested a donation, asking for one percent of the Covid Relief money the Town received. The mayor suggested we ask their representative to come and address the council again before making that decision.

Ordinance No. 211101, State Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 211101

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WILSONVILLE, ALABAMA, TO EXEMPT CERTAIN “COVERED ITEMS” FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAX DURING THE LAST FULL WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY, 2022, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2012-256, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY LEGISLATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WILSONVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In conformity with the provisions Act 2012-256 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during the 2012 Regular Session, providing for a State Severe Weather Preparedness 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 last Friday in February, 2022 (February 25, 2022) and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday (February 27, 2022).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2012-256, 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 the 25th day January, 2022.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 1rst DAY OF November, 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____ -
Town Clerk

Larry Lowe made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 211101, as presented; Richard Atchison seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Mayor/Council Comment

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be Monday, November 29, at Central Park. Willie Traywick will be singing. The Wilsonville Elementary School children will also sing.

Melissa Rosetta said the Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 4. The deadline for applications to participate in the parade is Friday, November 12. Applications are available at the Library. She also said the Wilsonville United Methodist Church is having Soup Day the morning of December 4.

Don Belcher asked if the parade could be rescheduled; the SEC Football Championship Game is that day. It will not be changed.

Larry Lowe stated the Town Christmas Tree will be put up the week of Thanksgiving.

Mavis Cohill said volunteers are needed for the Christmas Parade to help with things such as crowd control.

Blake Ray reported pressure washing has been performed at Oak Meadow Park. The EWF material around the playground equipment needs to be dug out and replaced with new material. The old EWF has deteriorated badly.

Councilman Ray is continuing to look into the storm shelter issue.

Mavis Cohill said there will be an Angel Tree in the foyer of Town Hall for Christmas. Names will be available for selection to provide Christmas gifts for some children who might not, otherwise, have gifts.

Melissa Rosetta reported the Food Bank provided for three-hundred-twenty-five families this month. She thanked all the people who volunteered and stated more volunteers are needed.

Blake Ray announced Wilsonville Elementary School received a U. S. News Best Schools in America award. They were in the top five percent of schools in America, thirty-fourth in Alabama and first in Shelby. Congratulations to them!

Lauren Kennamer said the final walk through on the Highway 25 Sidewalk Project will be scheduled soon. This should end the project.

Public Comment – There was none.

There being no further business to come before the council, Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn. Larry Lowe seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P. M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

Attest