

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, February 21, 2022, 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 Councilman Don Belcher.

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

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

The minutes of the February 07, 2021, council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Blake Ray made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented; Don Belcher seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, 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: Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The bid opening for the storm shelter was held at 4:00 P. M. this afternoon. Mayor Morris reported there was one bid from Aqua Marine Enterprises, Incorporated. That bid is for \$138,890.00. There are some issues with the site behind Fire Station Number One. Fill material will be needed at that site, and there may be a septic tank issue as well. We also need to decide if we want one restroom or two in the shelter. Don Belcher made a motion to accept the bid of \$138,890.00; Lauren Kennamer seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

A letter of intent needs to be sent to Aqua Marine Enterprises, Incorporated, stating the bid has been approved. The clerk will ask the town attorney to prepare the letter.

There was discussion about the number of restrooms needed. Larry Lowe made a motion to have two restrooms; Blake Ray seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Belcher, yes; Mavis, Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes;

The shelter can be painted either white or tan. Larry Lowe made a motion to have the shelter painted tan; Don Belcher seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, no.

Mayor/Council Comment

Blake Ray reported on the softball program. The girls will begin practicing at Helms Park immediately. A contractor is coming to assess the light situation; some of the lights are not working. Mayor Morris asked if the contractor could also look at the lights at Yellowleaf Park and see what it would take to get those field lights operational.

Larry Lowe reported there were three-hundred-seventy-one families served at the Food Bank Give Away Tuesday. The clerk mentioned some of the participants were lining up on Highway 25 with their emergency flashers on; this is unacceptable.

Roger Perry reported the grant we have applied for through ADEM had allowed for one billion dollars in grant money to be awarded. There are currently applications for two billion dollars in projects! The grants will be awarded according to priority criteria; median income of residents is not considered which gives Wilsonville a better chance of receiving a grant.

Melissa Rosetta asked about the Owens House. Mavis Cohill is to meet with the Owens House director this Friday.

Public Comment

Jillian Longacre addressed the council. She and her husband have recently moved to Wilsonville. She has a list of ideas for revitalizing Wilsonville. Things such as painting murals on some of the business's walls such as Hudd's Food Center and Shear Elegance, having a farmer's market/vendor event among others. She also is concerned about the abandoned buildings on Highway 25 as you enter the town.

Melissa Rosetta stated the Ville Market will be at Central Park this year beginning in May. She also said the library will be having a summer reading program.

Mavis Cohill mentioned the World Games event at Helms Park in May. She also noted we had our first Christmas Parade in December.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P. M.

Ricky Morris

Attest