

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, March 20, 2023, 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 Richard Atchison.

Councilman Atchison 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, Melissa Rosetta. Blake Ray was not present.

The minutes of the March 6, 2023, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Two typographical errors were pointed out. Larry Lowe made a motion to approve the minutes, with the two corrections made; Mavis Cohill seconded. The motion was approved with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Checks were examined by the council members prior to the meeting. Larry Lowe said he noticed a check for a late charge for Lowe's as well as a large expenditure to Bone's Lawn Care for the ball park. Mayor Morris stated Yellowleaf Park is being used now and has to be maintained. A church team is playing games regularly there. Mr. Lowe also noticed a sign for admission charges for those games on that field; this does not seem right to him since they are not paying anything to the town for use of the field. He would like to see a budget report showing Park and Rec expenditures so far this year at the next meeting. Larry Lowe made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; Don Belcher seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

The 2022 Uncollectable Accounts List was the next item on the agenda. The town clerk pointed out this is done annually. If approved the amounts are removed but are noted on the account in the reader note section on the computer. If that customer should apply for utility services again, these amounts are reinstated and must be paid before new service can be obtained. This rarely happens but the

amounts can be recovered if it does. Richard Atchison made a motion to approve the uncollectable accounts to be removed, as presented; Melissa Rosetta seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Sue Whitfield, Beautification Board, reported she is the only member currently serving on the Board. The pots in front of the businesses on North Main Street will be removed. She has a man who will be helping her with that. She would like to see holiday decorations on the street lamp posts. She is now maintaining the flower beds at Town Hall, in front of Hudd's Food Center, Hebb Road, and the cemetery. She would like to see the fence at the Hebb Road bed replaced; it is in disrepair. Mayor Morris stated, according to Scotty Morris, Park and Rec Board Chairman, money for that fence can be taken from his budget. Richard Atchison stated, before that project can be approved, the council will need to know the cost involved. Sue stated a tree has been donated in memory of Barbara Lowe, a longtime member of the Board. She would like to plant it in Central Park. Larry Lowe thanked Sue for her work on the Beautification Board.

Melissa Rosetta brought up the need for a Noise/Jake Brake Ordinance. Don Belcher said signs letting everyone know about the ordinance, once it is prepared and adopted, need to be at all Town Limits and at Highway 145. Penalties need to be included in the ordinance. It was suggested the town attorney be asked to write the ordinance. Diane Moore stated the ordinance is needed; the Jake Brake noise is really bad where she lives, on Highway 25. Speeding is also a problem. Mavis Cohill suggested getting one of the signs that lets a driver know what the speed limit is and how fast the driver is going to make drivers more aware. Melissa Rosetta said we need to make the deputies aware of the ordinance so it can be enforced. Melissa Rosetta made a motion to contact the town attorney to write an ordinance for noise abatement and Jake Brake use; Don Belcher seconded. After more discussion, Mrs. Rosetta withdrew her motion.

Mayor Morris will contact the town attorney concerning this issue.

Gary Davis, Shelby County, did the quarterly inspection at Oak Meadow Park and sent an email stating the engineered wood fill has still not been installed around the playground equipment in the swings and merry-go-round area. This is the

seventh quarter he has called attention to this issue and it still has not been corrected. A minimum of nine inches of fill is needed in the two areas. The mayor will talk with Blake Ray about this and we will get the needed material; our employees will install it.

Mayor/Council Comment

Mayor Morris reported he has talked with our auditor about appointing an in-house auditor to look over the finances and advise of any problems that might arise. He suggested Larry Lowe be appointed. Don Belcher made a motion to appoint Larry Lowe to be in-house auditor; Richard Atchison seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, abstain; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Roger Perry reported the Lokey Lane project is eighty to ninety per cent complete. That project is going very well. When they finish there, work will begin on the McGowan Road, Hill Street, Spearman Street project.

The mayor reported the concrete work has been done around the Storm Shelter. He will ask Cook's Pest Control to add the storm shelter to our contract.

Richard Atchison asked everyone to observe the area around the storm shelter after any rains we have; we may need more work around the shelter.

Don Belcher requested a microphone be provided for public comment. He cannot hear what is being said from the audience.

Melissa Rosetta said she has been asked by an individual if he can sell plants at Oak Meadow Park. Richard Atchison stated he thinks this would set a bad precedent. Melissa said the Ville Market was selling things; Richard said that was a Town sponsored event, not an individual. He said selling privately is not a good idea at a public park.

Councilwoman Rosetta stated the Food Bank Give-Away is tomorrow.

Mrs. Rosetta also reminded everyone of the Coffee and Chit-Chat event at the Methodist Church every Tuesday which is open to the public.

Mark Handlan, Bully Creek Subdivision, asked about the street paving request made by the subdivision. Richard Atchison stated we are having difficulty locating the ordinance; however, he knows from past experience, the streets must be paved, meeting county standards, before they can be accepted as town streets and maintained by the Town.

There being no further business to come before the council, Richard Atchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Larry Lowe seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P. M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

Attest