

The Wilsonville Town Council met Monday, May 22, 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 Don Belcher.

Councilman Belcher 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, Blake Ray, Melissa Rosetta.

The minutes of the May 01, 2023, regular council meeting (mailed to the council members before this meeting) were reviewed. Blake Ray made a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

Checks were examined by the council members prior to the meeting. Don Belcher made a motion to approve the checks for mailing; 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.

Ordinance Number 230522, State Sales Tax Holiday, School Supplies, was presented to the council, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 230522

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, 2023, AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 2006-574, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE STATE “BACK TO SCHOOL” 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, 2023 (July 21, 2023) and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday (July 23, 2023).

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, 2023.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF May, 2023.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

Attest: Town Clerk

Richard Atchison made a motion to approve Ordinance 230522, as presented; Don Belcher seconded. The motion was approved 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 annual God and Country Celebration was the next item on the agenda. Town Clerk, Kay Ray, reported we provided 500 sandwiches last year and there were some left over. It was suggested we stay with 500 sandwiches. We had ten cases of water last year; the consensus of opinion is to get at least twelve cases this year. The following items will remain at last year's totals: 7 cases each of regular sodas, diet sodas, Dr. Pepper, and Mountain Dew; 75 bags of ice; 500 Little Debbie cakes. These items will be purchased at Hudd's Food Center. The sandwiches and chips will be purchased from Tin Top BBQ. The cost of the fireworks for the Celebration has risen a lot since last year. Wilsonville Baptist Church has reached out to the local businesses and churches for help with this expense. Larry Lowe made a motion the Town donate up to \$1,000.00 toward the fireworks if the donation drive comes up short; 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 town clerk reported she had a couple come to the office with complaints about the cemetery. They had put a nice flower arrangement on the grave of a loved one and when they returned to the cemetery, it was gone. They suggested cameras be installed to monitor the cemetery. They also complained about a gate on a decorative fence in the older section of the cemetery that is hanging off the hinges as well as tree limbs that need to be cleaned up. This was right after we had had several days of unusually high winds. The clerk stated the limbs have been cleared.

The McGowan Road, Hill Street, Spearman Street water line project is going well and nearing completion. Pressure testing will have to be done on the new line and the customers will be tied on. Alabama Power Company has agreed to assist with the sewer line project. This line is very close to their power poles on McGowan Road.

Council Comment

Larry Lowe asked about the noise ordinance (barking dogs) issue. Mayor Morris has spoken with Town Attorney, Bill Justice, about this issue.

Councilman Lowe also asked about the new lights at Helms Park. Roger Perry stated Alabama Power Company was at the park today preparing to get everything completed.

Councilman Lowe also asked about the roll up door at the Revis Building. He suggested we hire someone to repair it. One door works; the other one does not. He stated this needs to be corrected.

The annual allotment of \$1,500.00 to the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce was discussed. It was stated that figure is in the budget; therefore, it has already been approved.

Larry Lowe asked about the Laserfiche CD containing minutes, ordinances, and resolutions which is not compatible with the current Windows program we have on the Town computers. He would like to see it updated. He offered to contact the company the town had do the CD in 2009.

Public Comment

There were approximately 21 members of the Trinity Baseball Team and parents and relatives present at the meeting. Amanda Hall, one of the parents, expressed her appreciation for being able to use Yellowleaf Park for practicing and playing ballgames. A team member also expressed his thanks and another team member presented a framed picture of the team to the mayor. Michelle Hurston stated the team would like to be able to use the facility again next year, if possible.

Larry Lowe stated four-hundred families were, once again, served at the Food Bank Give-away this month. Lore Foley said the lady from the Food Bank was quite impressed with how well organized our group is!

Hobert Lee asked about the sewer line extension he has requested. Richard Atchison stated the Town is trying to determine exactly what we can do. He will talk with Mr. Lee following the meeting.

Mayor Morris stated he is so pleased to see Yellowleaf Field being used this year. Councilman Atchison agreed; he feels better about the money being spent there when it is being used. One of the coaches stated, again, they hope to be able to use the field next year.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P. M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

Attest