Council Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Wilsonville met in the Town Hall Council chamber at 6:30 PM on Monday January 22nd 2024. This regular session meeting was called to order by Mayor Ricky Morris.

Councilman Blake Ray opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the visiting Boy Scouts.

The following council members answered roll call:

> Richard Atchison, Don Belcher, Mavis Cohill, Lauren Kennamer, Larry Lowe, Blake Ray, and Melissa Rosetta.

Council Minutes from the January 4th 2024 meeting was reviewed.

Councilman Don Belcher mentioned that under Mayor/Council comments the address for the rental house was incorrectly listed as 290 Lokey Lane and needed to be changed to 85 Old Lokey Rd.

Motion to approve the 1/4/2024 minutes with the noted corrections, by Councilwomen Melissa Rosetta, second by Councilman Don Belcher.

> 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.

Payment of Bills and review.

Council examined the checks prior to the meeting.

There was a question about the check made to Norfolk Southern Corporation for $3922.26. This bill was for engineering services done in 2019-2021 for a possible sidewalk on 61. The bill had been invoiced to the Town in December 2022 and it had mistakenly not been paid.

Motion by Councilman Larry Lowe to approve paying of bills, second by Councilman Blake Ray.

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.

Councilman Richard Atchison addressed the Boy Scout group, thanking them for agreeing to take over the flag duties at our Central Park. The crank and key needs to be kept at the Town Hall; we can work together to make sure it is available if needed after hours. This isn't an everyday sort of job, but needed when the flag is worn and should be replaced, and on certain days it would need to be lowered to half staff or as directed by the Governor. Councilman Don Belcher mentioned he gave the Scout leader Don Langner a list of flag guidelines the Town clerk had put together. Mr. Langley accepted the flag crank and Richard asked that they be careful to not let any slack into the ropes when raising or lowering the flag. This would help prevent the ropes tangling. There is also a young man working on his Eagle Scout project. He is in process of repainting all 109 fire hydrants in Town a more visible bright yellow. Council Thanked him for his efforts and also thanked the Scouts for coming tonight.

Committees and Boards.

The vacancy showing in Planning and Zoning was filled already by Lee McCarty. We could use one more on the Cemetery committee and we have a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The Recreation (Park and Rec) Board has a vacancy and also needs a chairperson. The Mayor asked Council to be thinking of names for this position and the other vacancies. Don Belcher mentioned there is an upcoming county wide meeting about industrial business development and suggested we have someone from the Industrial Development Board attend.

ADEM Award of Grant Resolution #2024-0122

Councilman Richard Atchison explained that ADEM is giving us a $451,352.00 grant for the Cast Iron Water Main/Lead Service Replacement project. This is the project that would replace the 1939 service line that starts at the red light and goes up main street to the school and churches and around to the ballpark. This line is the old cast iron with lead joints as was the standard used back then. Currently we need to officially accept the grant from ADEM and continue to the engineering stage of this project. The engineering report has to be submitted to ADEM by sometime in June 2024. Cassidy company will be handling the engineering and filing the reports. Only new PVC line will be put in, with some ductile iron perhaps in a few places and the old line will have to be completely removed. The initial cost estimate is over 900 thousand, and we really don't know how much this project will cost long term, but the grant money can be spent first and then we can evaluate where we need to go from there. The Mayor read aloud the Resolution #2024-0122 and Richard also commented that after the engineering is completed we would start bidding this job, and it will probably roll into the next budget year. He

did not foresee any budget monies from this fiscal year coming from the Town; we would be using the grant money first. Councilwoman Mavis Cohill asked if we have any other areas in Town that have this old cast iron type. This project would take care of most of the old cast iron with lead joints, and if the water department comes across any other sections while doing repairs, they have been replacing it then.

Motion made by Larry Lowe to accept the resolution #2024-0122 ADEM Grant acceptance, second by Don Belcher

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.

Councilman Larry Lowe commented that this is money well spent.

Mayor/Council Committee comments:

Councilwomen Melissa Rosetta questioned about the new speed sign coming into Town on 25, if this was to help slow down the speeders/ jake brake noise. Councilman Richard Atchison replied that yes this is an experiment to see if the sign has a positive result before the Town buys one. We are borrowing the sign for a few weeks as a trial run. Melissa also explained that the Food Bank had been moved to the 23rd because of the bad weather the previous Tuesday, and that they will only be getting enough for 300 families now instead of the 400 they had been doing.

Public Comments:

There was a question about the pipe replacement, if the Town would be replacing all the way to each meter. Richard replied that only the 6" main has the lead joints and that is what we need to replace.

Philip Studimire, Diane Moore with her husband, and Wayne Morris attended.

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

Meeting adjourned 6:53 P.M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor Attest