Council Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Wilsonville met in the Town Hall Council chamber at 6:30 PM on Thursday January 4th 2024. The regular session meeting was called to order by Blake Ray.

Mayor Ricky Morris was absent due to illness.

Councilman Don Belcher opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following council members answered roll call: Richard Atchison, Don Belcher, Mavis Cohill, Lauren Kennamer, Larry Lowe, Blake Ray, and Melissa Rosetta.

Philip Studimire, Diane Moore, Sam Thomas, Wayne Morris and Steve Garrett also attended.

Council Minutes from the December 18th 2023 meeting was reviewed.

Motion to approve 12/18/2023 minutes by Larry Lowe, second Don Belcher.

Motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes. Mavis Cohill abstained.

Treasurer's Report was given by Lauren Kennamer for December, 2023:

General Fund:	Total income: $118,618.49
	Total Expense: $24,249.37
	Net Income: $94,369.12
Water Works:	Total Income: $67,427.30
	Total Expenses: $49,041.43
	Net Income: $18,385.87

Payment of Bills and review.

Council examined the checks prior to the meeting.

Motion by Don Belcher to approve paying of bills, second by Mavis Cohill.

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.

Wayne Morris with Visual Media introduced Steve Garrett with Music Alley Inc. Steve had agreed to look at the sound system in the council room; microphones, speakers and projector. The system is just old at this point and really needs to be updated. Steve has worked with Chelsea Town Hall to make some sound improvements. He will put together a quote with potential improvements and possibly even come back for a demonstration, if council would be interested.

Mayor/Council Committee comments:

Blake Ray mentioned the recent work that was done at Central Park. The fountains have been cleaned and repaired and work was done on the lighting. The new flag looks great.

Don Belcher asked for an update on the complaint made for the garbage outside the rental house 85 Old Lokey Rd. The Town clerk confirmed that the owner of the property had been contacted and clean up should be completed within two weeks.

Richard Atchison gave an update on the street lighting upgrades. Alabama power continues with the LED upgrades. It is difficult to trouble shoot the lights during the day when they are installing. If anyone notices a light not working properly, please let us know, so we can make Alabama Power aware of the problem. These upgrades are not costing the Town anything out of pocket, and are already proving to be more cost efficient than the old street lights.

Blake Ray asked about the Committees and Boards for the Town. Do we have any vacancies that need to be filled. Could we get a list to go through at the next council meeting. The Town clerk said she would get this information ready. Wayne Morris asked for the updated list to be emailed to him so he can post on the Town's website

Public Comments:

Philip Studimire mentioned a house behind the Town Hall has quite a bit of trash in its yard and asked the Town to clean it up. Council explained that we do not clean up what would be private property, but that if a formal complaint was made against the property in question, the Town would take steps to contact the owners.

Sam Thomas who lives nearby right on HWY 25 is very concerned about all the dump trucks coming down HWY 25 and turning at the intersection. The dust and dirt coming from the trucks is unbearable. She has been sick for months from all the dust that is constantly being spread in her yard from the dump trucks. She wanted to know if the Town could do something about the dust and an ETA on how much longer this will be going on. It is causing harm to her family and they are considering moving if something soon is not done to make this situation better. Council mentioned that the trucks are supposed to have a covering on the dirt and multiple people mentioned that the trucks do not seem to be covered. Richard mentioned that the trucks having the load of dirt covered is DOT regulations and this could be a sticking point because it is enforceable. Sam also mentioned that the speed of the trucks and then their braking for the light is very loud and disruptive. Is there going to be a Jake Brake sign put

up. Lauren explained that the new signs are for unmuffled engine braking, they no longer read jake brake, and unmuffled engine braking is very difficult to enforce. The Town has been looking into getting a flashing speeding sign that would go on HWY 25 to encourage the 35mph speed limit. It was suggested that the Town ask the Deputies to focus on the traffic coming into the intersection to encourage everyone to slow down. This should prevent speeding trucks hitting their brakes and causing additional noise. The Town could also ask the deputies to watch for the trucks hauling dirt and see if the load has a covering. Larry mentioned that Alabama Power is being required by the EPA and ADEM to haul the dirt in to cover the ash ponds. Sam suggested finding out if Alabama Power has an environmental department that could get involved and also seeing about an ETA for completion of this project. Council also mentioned that the issue has become worse from the trucks using an unpaved road to travel through and this puts even more dust and mud back on the road.

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.

Meeting adjourned 7:03 P.M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor Attest