# Council Meeting Minutes for April 1st, 2024

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

## Councilmember Melissa Rosetta 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.

Also present was someone filming with Channel 6 news, a representative with Shelby County News Noah Worthman, and a packed out meeting hall with numerous public attendees.

## Council Minutes from the March 18th 2024 meeting was reviewed.

Motion to approve 3/18/2024 minutes by Larry Lowe, second Melissa Rosetta.

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

## Treasurer's Report was given by Lauren Kennamer for March, 2024:

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| General Fund: | Total income: $37,606.73 |
| | Total Expense: $48,770.85 |
| | Net Income: -$19,434.74 |
| Water Works: | Total Income: $38,745.81 |
| | Total Expenses: $39,478.46 |
| | Net Income: -$732.65 |

## Payment of Bills and review.

Council examined the checks prior to the meeting.

Motion by Don Belcher to approve paying of bills, second by Richard Atchison.

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.

## Short term rentals:

Mr. Terry Bell from Homestead Subdivision was here this meeting after being unable to make the last meeting due to illness. He says there is a house on McClure Drive that is actively being rented as a short-term rental i.e. Airbnb. Short-term rentals are not allowed under Wilsonville zoning regulations and he asked that the Town address the issue with an ordinance. Looking at VERBO and Airbnb there are five listings with Wilsonville addresses. Blake Ray asked Mr. Bell to make an official request with the Town to send a letter to the owner of the house in question.

## Old Revis building roof:

The old Revis building corner of HWY 25 and 61 is in need of a new roof. A quote was supplied from Gallups Construction, LLC. Council requested that this issue be put on the next agenda to vote if they will adjust the budget for the work.

$8,500.00 for removing the existing roof, skylight panels, ridge caps, gutters and down spouts.

$8,896.56 to replace everything with new materials.

Total $17,396.56 includes materials, labor, taxes and insurance.

## Letters and resolution concerning Breakaway Pointe:

Blake Ray explained that the Town and Council have been working very diligently on the Breakaway Pointe issue. They have found that the address where this proposed Breakaway Pointe will be built, is under the jurisdiction of the Wilsonville Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Chief Davey Edwards has written a letter to Mayor Morris. Blake read the letter out loud for the public to hear. Councilman Ray then read out loud the response to this letter that the Mayor had sent for the Council to approve. *Both letters are attached to the minutes. There was a great positive response to the letters from the public. Blake Ray further explained that the Town Council felt that the letters would be a more specific fact-based response than the resolution that included some hypothetical phrasing. That this is the direction the Council would be going. He asked if we had a motion for approval to send the letters.

> Motion made by Richard Atchison for approval of the response letters, second by Larry Lowe.
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> 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.

## Public Comments:

There was much lively discussion from the attending public on Breakaway Pointe.

Mark Boardman, legal counsel for Holy Trinity- Holy Cross who owns the Youth camp across from the property, applauded what the Town and Council was doing. He said his church bought the land here for

peace and quiet and a facility going in with 14 dormitories for recently released convicts would bring an incredible burden to the Town. Leigh Hunt who also lives right next to the property spoke of her concerns and again asked people to reach out to her for questions of how they could help. Others urged people to email State Law makers urging better laws against having this many people in a small area, emailing Shelby County Planning Commissioner, starting a petition in the Town against the proposed facility, and considering a further resolution against Breakaway Pointe. The problem of where they would be able to find jobs was also brought up. This area would not have many job opportunities for the newly trained men. Every person in the audience who spoke was strongly against the building of a recently released prisoner rehabilitation facility at the old flea market property.

## Mayor/Council Committee comments:

Blake Ray reminded the Council that their Ethics Surveys are due by April 30th.

The Park and Rec Board has gone through a restructure adding some new members. The Easter egg hunt held at Oak Meadow Park was last Sunday and a great success. Jonathan Hughes with the Park & Rec board gave an update on the new flag football program they are rolling out. This is to have more activities for the Town's children to have the opportunity to be more active. There has been enough interest that they can have a team for K-2nd grade, 3-4th grade, and possibly a middle school team.

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.

Meeting adjourned 7:46 P.M.

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Ricky Morris, Mayor Attest