Council Meeting Minutes for June 17th, 2024

Town of Wilsonville, Town Council met in the Town Hall Council chamber at 6:31 PM on Monday June 17th, 2024. This regular session meeting was called to order by Mayor Ricky Morris.

Councilmember Richard Atchison opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following council members answered roll call:

Richard Atchison, Mavis Cohill, Larry Lowe, Blake Ray, and Melissa Rosetta.

Don Belcher and Lauren Kennamer were absent.

Council Minutes from the June 3rd, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve the 6/3/2024 minutes by Councilman Larry Lowe, second Councilwomen Melissa Rosetta.

Motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, 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 on a check written to the Local Government Health Care Board, out of the Library account. The issue of the Health Insurance and retirement benefits for the Library was scheduled on this meeting agenda. Because the Council had not discussed and approved the issue, the clerk should not have written the check, and it would have to be voided and then re-written if needed after the meeting.

There was also a question on the checks written to Circle M Construction for the work done to clear several water and a sewer easement. These areas had not been cleared in years and needed professional service to make them manageable for the Town. The plan going forward is for the Town to maintain the easements yearly with their brush cutter/skid steer.

Motion by Councilman Richard Atchison to approve paying of bills, second by Councilman Larry Lowe.

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

Ordinance No. 240617 Tax Free Weekend participation.

This is a yearly ordinance for participating in the State Sales Tax Holiday for certain exempt back to school items. This year the weekend falls on Friday July 19th through July 21st.

> Motion by Councilman Richard Atchison to pass resolution 2024-05-20, second from Melissa Rosetta.
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> Motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

God and Country.

This year, God and Country will be held Sunday June 30th. The Town clerk needs to touch base with the contact for Tin Top next week to verify the order and delivery time for the 500 sandwiches and chips. Blake Ray announced that the Town had been awarded a grant from the Alabama Tourism Board for $2600 for the God and Country event. Richard Atchison mentioned that several local businesses have donated toward the fireworks cost. Council will need to discuss at the July 1st meeting what dollar amount is needed, if any, to help cover the remaining cost of the fireworks display.

Library Health Insurance/ Retirement budget.

Amanda Killingworth is now working over the 20-hour average per week which has resulted in her and the library being required to pay into the State retirement fund. Her hours are also above the average needed for Health Insurance to be offered. The Library has never been in the position to pay retirement or health insurance. There is no allocation in the budget for these items. The Mayor asked the Council to amend the Library budget for FY24 to allow these items, and add $1860 for Health Insurance and $350 for retirement benefits. These items would be discussed again for the next FY25 budget.

> Motion by Councilman Blake Ray to amend the FY24 budget for the Library, second from Larry Lowe.
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> Motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Mavis Cohill, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Transferring the Money from the Auction of the Backhoe.

The Water department's old John Deere Backhoe was sold at auction through GovDeals.com. The $24,300 from the sale has now been deposited into the water department account. The Mayor would like to put these funds into the water department Capital Expenditures, and use the money to purchase a new mini excavator E20 T4 Bobcat. Council voted that the money could be used for the Water department Capital Expenditures, and asked that the purchase of a new Bobcat mini-excavator be placed on the next agenda.

Motion by Councilman Richard Atchison to allow the money for Water Department Capital Expenditures, second Councilman Blake Ray.

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

Summer Reading Update from Library- Amanda Killingsworth

The Library is half way through their Summer reading event. So far 40 kids have signed up and there has been an overwhelming response to every event. The average being 20 kids at events, and 5 children for the weekly story times. Having story time earlier in the day has really improved the response and allowing parents to utilize the Library better. The Knit & Crochet club attendance has also been increasing. This Friday evening will be the first after hours library event for children and she is hoping to reach kids who have parents that work during the day. The monthly circulation statistics-handed to the Councilmembers- showed May at an all-time high and she feels that the changes that the library has been making is attracting more people and families into the library. Blake Ray asked about the old photo albums that were at one time kept in the library. Currently these albums are stored in the back room of Town Hall and Shelby County Archives has scanned some of the albums into their database. Richard Atchison suggested having an event to show the pictures, or posting the pictures online asking if anyone can identify them.

Mayor/Council Committee comments:

Mayor Morris gave an update on meeting with the Town's lawyer, Josh Arnold, and said that they are working on something to address the STR issue.

Melissa Rosetta reminded everyone that the food drive is tomorrow June 18th.

Larry Lowe is still waiting to hear from Steve Garrett with Music Alley. Steve had suggested someone come to his store and see their product for a demo. It was suggested Don Belcher might also like to go.

Diane Moore with the Beautification Board. They are looking into a Christmas display that would go near the intersection on Town property. The Board is still looking into the light issue.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments

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

Meeting adjourned 7:12 P.M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

Attest