Council Meeting Minutes for July 1st, 2024

Town of Wilsonville, Town Council met in the Town Hall Council chamber at 6:30 PM on Monday July 1st, 2024. This regular session meeting was called to order by Mayor Ricky Morris.

Councilmember Blake Ray opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following council members answered roll call:

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

Council Minutes from the June 17th, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve the 6/17/2024 minutes by Councilman Larry Lowe, second Councilwoman Melissa Rosetta.

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

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

General Fund:	Total income: $13,110.79
	Total Expense: $59,710.04
	Net Income: $7,715.42
Water Works:	Total Income: $57,602.10
	Total Expenses: $38,543.84
	Net Income: $43,358.26

Payment of Bills and review.

Council examined the checks prior to the meeting.

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

God and Country Fireworks.

Richard Atchison gave an update on the God and Country event that was held Sunday June 30th. The quantity of food and drinks that had been purchased for the event worked out just right. The Mayor commented he felt this was the best God and Country event so far. Blake Ray mentioned the grant that was awarded the Town for God and Country 2024, and suggested we use some of this money to help cover the $1,000 shortage for the Fireworks. The Council agreed.

Bobcat Mini Excavator Water Department

Council had been given the quote for the Bobcat Mini Excavator in the previous June 17th meeting. The Wilsonville Water Department is wanting to purchase this piece of equipment using money from the sale of the Backhoe, and Water capital expenditures.

Motion to approve the purchase of the Bobcat E20 T4 Excavator by Councilman Larry Lowe, second by Councilman Blake Ray.

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

Randy Walker Breakaway Pointe

Randy Walker asked before the meeting to be taken off the agenda.

Mark Boardman with Holy Trinity Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Mark Boardman asked to be taken off the agenda as he was only asking to address Council if Mr. Walker had been attending.

Leigh Hunt

Leigh spoke to the Council on Breakaway Pointe. She gave a brief overview on the project in previous years, and also had information on different previous inmates that Breakaway Pointe had spoken in favor of parole at various parole meetings through the last few years. She explained about the upcoming vote for the Harpersville/Vincent Zoning Beat, giving information on who is eligible to vote and where it would be held. Council asked for clarification on who is eligible to vote for this Zoning Beat. Only property owners in unincorporated Shelby County areas that fall in the Harpersville/Vincent Zoning Beat map. You can go online with Development services and check your property address to see if you are included. Leigh urged everyone who is eligible to vote, to attend the July 15th meeting with Shelby County Planning Commission, and

vote on August 27th at the Baptist Church in Harpersville in the special zoning election. The report to Shelby County Planning Commission for the Harpersville/Vincent Zoning Beat is attached to the minutes.

Mayor/Council Committee comments:

Mayor Morris: The skid steer is needing new forks. We are currently borrowing a set from Scotty Morris. Richard Atchison asked if the forks would be delivered to his shop as he would like to see if they can be salvaged. If they cannot then the Town will need to purchase a set.
The cedar trees behind fire station 2 are needing to be cut down. They are overgrown and are causing problems with the parking for Oak Meadow. He feels we can handle this situation in house. Council was given an ordinance involving the short-term rental issue. The clerk thought this addressed all of the concerns that have been brought up. The Mayor asked if they would look over it and they can vote on something the next meeting
Melissa Rosetta asked about the parking lot lines for Oak Meadow. The concrete stoppers have been painted awhile ago, but the lines have not been finished.
The library sent an update. The summer reading event was a huge success and they will be holding another painting event this month for both kids and adults. Several of the families that attended the Summer Reading event had expressed interest in the library having some more events in July, and there are now movie days planned. The library circulation numbers haven't updated as of yet for the month of June, but she will have this information at the next meeting.

Public Comments:

Honor Jackson who lives at 125 Hebb Road owns a horse farm at this location. She is concerned because every year the fireworks seem to be getting closer to her property and this is causing issues with the horses. Generally, horses and fireworks don't mix well and she was hoping the fireworks area could be moved further away from her property. This has become a major liability for them because they do board other people's horses on their property. They would rather not explore further action as her family loves the God and Country event, and she hoped the Town would look into this issue and let her know if the fireworks can't be moved.

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 7:05 P.M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor Attest