Council Meeting Minutes for July 22nd, 2024

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

Councilmember Richard Atchison 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 July 1st, 2024 meeting were reviewed:

> Motion to approve the 7/1/2024 minutes by Councilman Don Belcher, second Councilman Larry Lowe.
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> Motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, 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.

> Motion by Councilman Larry Lowe to approve the paying of bills, second by Councilman Don Belcher.
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> Motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Brian Green Cassady Company:

Resolution #2024-0722A Awarding Singleton Excavating INC the bid for the water service line inspections.

Brian Green read the resolution and gave an overview of the project. Singleton will only bill for the type of work they have to do for each section they will be checking. For example, excavating an area under asphalt would cost more than an area under dirt. The entire project is projected

to be in the 23K range and the grant is only covering 20K. We can tell the excavating company to stop when they get to the end of the grant monies, or have them finish the few remaining places and the Town would pay the extra few thousand. The inventory has to be completed one way or another by the ADEM October deadline.

> Motion by Councilman Richard Atchison for approval to award Singleton the bid for DWSRF #FS010601-01, second from Councilman Blake Ray.
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> Motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Resolution 2024-07-22 Awarding Singleton Excavating, Inc the bid 2024 Water System Improvements, County Rd 48, Jackson St. and Johnson St.

Brian Green read the resolution and gave an overview of the project. This bid for the 2024 water system approvements for the County road 48 area, is for labor only. The supplies will be purchased by the Town through the pre-bid OMNI CO-OP. Approximately 7,000 of old 4in water line will be replaced with new 6in ductile-iron and pvc.

> Motion to approve Resolution 24-07-22 by Councilman Larry Lowe, second by Councilman Don Belcher.
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> Motion passed with the following vote: Richard Atchison, yes; Don Belcher, yes; Lauren Kennamer, yes; Larry Lowe, yes; Blake Ray, yes; Melissa Rosetta, yes.

Old Wilsonville Waterworks Tanks:

Asset Surplus Declaration for Two, Out of Service, Water Storage Tanks
Water System Manager Roger Perry with assistance from Town's consulting engineer, Brian Green, P.E. of The Cassady Company, Inc. explained the need to surplus, scrap and remove two storage tanks, located on Oakland Av., which are no longer in service. Noting that for every 2.31 feet of height above sea level is equal to one pound per square inch of static water pressure. Our current system overflow head is now 625 feet above sea level from the 500kgls Elevated Tank which was constructed during the Water System Improvements Project of 2007-08. It is located south of town off of Hwy 25. All 500kgls of this tank are "Active" storage. Active storage is defined as the amount that is available, when tank is full, for use after the loss of electrical power. This tank is built on legs with all of the tank being of altitude high enough for all customers to have adequate pressure until the tank is completely empty. This tank is located on a hill 75 feet from ground with the tank situated at the top 30 feet.
Following are the tanks no longer in service to be surplus, both located on Oakland Avenue.

- 500kgls Ground Storage Tank – Constructed in 1959 when system was much smaller than present. Overflow elevation 547 feet above sea level. At time of construction, largest main lines were 6 inches within one mile of tank. Only fire hydrants were in business area of downtown. All lines outside downtown area were 2 inch or smaller using booster

pumps to push water over hills due to the lack of tank elevation. This tank was 'piece milled' back into service in 1994 using a transfer pump connected to the undersized 150kgls standpipe tank that was constructed beside it in 1987. Mayor James "Jake" Morris and Roger Perry installed this pump as a way of "getting by" until the larger and more useful elevated tank was built in 2008. All the physics of the 1959 tank will no longer work with the system we have today. This tank has become rusty and will need to be painted if we don't sell it for scrap and have it removed. This tank is built on the ground, is 57' in diameter and 27' tall.

- 150kgls Standpipe Storage Tank – Constructed in 1987 with funding restraints. This tank is built from ground at 18' diameter and 80' height. ADEM had recommended a 200kgl ELEVATED storage tank for that time. Because of economic issues of the Town at that time, it was decided to construct a 150kgls STANDPIPE storage tank instead. This meant that only 50kgls was "ACTIVE" storage. This tank has an overflow elevation of 604 feet above sea level. It could be modified with an altitude valve to be used as supply for APCo Plant Gaston and extra fire flow when needed but is also in serious need for painting interior/exterior. Estimation for refurbing this tank will be approximately $250,000 and would still only have around 50kgls of active storage because of the design. Instead of spending any further funds on this tank, it would probably be more feasible to scrap 2008 tank. The system will need a second tank before the interior of the 2008 Elevated tank needs to be repainted in around 10 more years.

Motion made to surplus and scrap both tanks 1959 & 1987, pending permit alterations from ADEM by Councilman Larry Lowe, 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.

Short Term Rental Ordinance discussion:

In the ongoing discussion to legislate the STR's in Wilsonville, Council looked over an ordinance that would ban STR's in the Town limits, regardless of Zoning. The majority feeling that we shouldn't ban the issue altogether. Several suggestions were given as to the length of what short term would be defined, ranging from a year to a week. It was also suggested that we look at the applications for STR on a case-by-case basis and allow some to operate. Stipulations for noise issues, number of vehicles, occupancy limits and owner occupied were also discussed. Councilman Richard Atchison requested the issue be tabled for the next meeting as more thought and discussion is needed.

Forks for the Backhoe

A quote for two different types of backhoe forks was included in the Council packets. It was decided to purchase the 60in Coupler forks from Warrior Tractor & Equipment Company INC, for $5,300.00.

Motion to amend the Sanitation budget and purchase the forks made by Councilman Richard Atchison and second by Larry Lowe.

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

Mayor/Council Committee comments:

Mayor Morris: There was an emergency issue with the restrooms at Oak Meadow Park. We have had to lock the restrooms and have a company coming tomorrow to look at the issue. There is a tree by the old Revis building that needs to be taken down. It is obviously sick. Brian Green suggested that we have Singleton take the tree down while they are working on the water lines right there. The Christmas lights on the buildings around Town. We shouldn't be using them if there is multiple bulbs out, who is responsible for the maintenance. There are agreements between each location and the Town to share the responsibility. Ricky asked if the Beautification Board would come to the next meeting so we can discuss the upcoming year's Holiday decorations.

Council asked about the park inspection. Tim has taken care of smoothing out the fill around the merry-go-round equipment. This probably needs to be done monthly to stay on top of the situation. Kevin Henry will be doing the striping at Oak Meadow Park and the Storm shelter. Blake Ray brought up the retaining wall in the cemetery that was built 20+ years ago. There is a 12-16ft drop on this side and we need to look at putting a fence up for safety. We need some quotes on chain link like we have at Oak Meadow. Don Belcher would like letters sent to two properties that we have had issue with before. He brought recent pictures. It was suggested to have the deputy go out to 151 Kennedy and hand deliver the nuisance ordinance. Melissa Rosetta called attention to the updated numbers from the library, showing their Summer Reading program success. She said the Library is really bringing people in she really appreciates all their efforts.

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; Councilwomen Lauren Kennamer seconded. The motion received unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned 7:57 P.M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor Attest