Council Meeting Minutes for August 5th, 2024

Town of Wilsonville, Town Council met in the Town Hall Council chamber at 6:30 PM on Monday August 5th, 2024. This regular session meeting was called to order by Mayor Ricky Morris.

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.

Council Minutes from the July 22nd, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve the 7/22/2024 minutes by Councilman Don Belcher, second Councilman Blake Ray.

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

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

General Fund:	Total Income: $47,026.84
	Total Expense: $51,574.16
	Net Income: -$4,547.32
Water Works:	Total Income: $76,501.76
	Total Expenses: $78,023.23
	Net Income: -$1,521.27

Payment of Bills and review.

Council examined the checks prior to the meeting.

Motion by Councilwomen Melissa Rosetta to approve paying of bills, second by Councilwoman 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.

Fire Chief Davy Edwards:

Davy thanked the Council for everything that they do for our Fire Department. Wilsonville, Kingdom and Columbiana's Fire Departments teamed up to apply for a grant earlier this year. By applying as a unified group, they were able to meet the area coverage requirements. All three areas already work closely together for fire calls. They have been awarded approximately $784k, with Wilsonville's portion being about $225k. This money is to outfit every seat with a new breathing apparatus with a high-pressure longer life cylinder. New equipment helps with the Town's ISO rating. Now when we get the new fire truck next year, we will already have this gear ready for it. There may be some match involved with this grant; we wont know for certain until all the funding is awarded.

Short Term Rental Discussion

Council continued their discussion on the STR issue. Blake suggested having applications for a STR would help maintain compliance. Richard: having penalties for the homeowner if the police had to be called to the property with additional fines for not responding within a set timeframe, such as 2 hours. Larry: STR's would need to be owner occupied. This would take care of most all negative issues. Lauren: Has the County decided on how they are regulating STR's. Not as of yet. Blake: We really need to decide on what criteria we want to include in our regulations. Richard: We need to continue talking about this issue, put it on the next agenda for more discussion.

Mayor/Council Committee comments:

Mayor Morris: We had a Zoom meeting with textmygov. The proposal was included in the Council packets as information. Ricky asked the clerk to explain the program. Textmygov is a communication platform. It has many uses but the ones we thought the Town would be most interested in would be the ability to send notifications in an emergency, using the storm shelter and water issues and repairs. Council found that the platform has many positive uses, but that it is expensive. Ricky encouraged the Council to look at the proposal and be thinking about this program in the upcoming budget talks. The Beautification Board will be on the next agenda to talk about the Town holiday plans.
Blake Ray: There is an app called Everbridge that sends out real-time notifications for public emergencies, weather issues and the storm shelter being open. People can sign up for free and receive emergency notifications. Also, the Cemetery is still working toward a quote on some fencing to prevent any falls from the retaining wall side of the property. We should have the quote by the next meeting and should be on the next agenda.

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 7:05 P.M.

Ricky Morris, Mayor

Attest