

May 19, 2009

Roanoke Town Council Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, March 19, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall in accordance with this Council's rules and applicable laws. Those present from the Council were President John Stoeckley, Vice President Michelle Schweiterman, Councilman Brian Young, Councilman Troy Karshner, and Councilman Nick Altman. Also present were Assistant Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Fire Chief Chad Taylor, and Duty Marshal Larry White.

Vice President Schweiterman moved to approve the minute of the regular Council meeting held May 5, 2009, as written. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Stoeckley and Altman abstained.

Rick Hartley of the Roanoke Village Association addressed the Council regarding the the Town's nuisance ordinance(s). He presented concerns about unleashed/unrestrained pets in the subdivision.

Hartley also questioned the procedures followed in the rezoning process of building at 138 First St. from R8 to GB. Hartley noted a lack of paved or concrete off-street parking spaces and adequate lighting based on the local ordinances. Brian Secor, a member of the Roanoke Board of Zoning Appeals, asked whose responsibility it is to enforce such ordinances. Secor stated that the current business went through the Roanoke Plan Commission in the rezoning process but not the Roanoke Board of Zoning Appeals. Hartley requested that a complaint be filed and an order of procedures for incoming businesses to be put into place. Stoeckley stated that the issue would be looked into.

The Council approved by consensus a home improvement request by Steve Weber, 253 Seminary St. It also approve by consensus a home improvement request by Bram MacAleese, _____ S. Main St., pending approval from the County and a consultation with Superintendent Swain.

Fire Chief Taylor stated that the Department earned approximately \$2,000 from the annual hog roast on May 16, 2009, and that the funds will be used toward the purchase of a flat-bottomed boat and other gear maintenance and repair. Taylor also submitted the Department's 2010 budget request. Taylor then presented the procedures for the Department to go about filling area swimming pools per request. Superintendent Swain stated that the Town has a hydrant meter that could be used to measure the amount of water being used. Taylor said that the fillings would be classified as training exercised and be utilized to test specifications on the Department's trucks. President Stoeckley stated that water would be charged at the "going rate" at the time of the fill, and the Council approved the procedure pending a waiver of liability from Mike Hartburg.

The Town's 2009 fireworks were also discussed. President Stoeckley moved for the Town to pay \$5,000 toward the annual display. Councilman Karshner seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Karshner then moved to budget from the 2010 fireworks display. Stoeckley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Taylor also presented two quotes for upgrading the Department's electrical system. By consensus, the Council approved to have the work done by Quality Electric, Inc., at a cost of \$1,650 to be paid from the Town Building Maintenance fund.

Town Superintendent Swain stated that all four members of the Utility Department had attended a seminar to renew their pesticide licenses. He also presented a quote from Mason Engineering for a new UV system for less than \$20,000 with installation not to exceed \$2,500. Swain stated that the current system has been in use since 1997 and needs to be replaced for the Town to state up to code. Councilwoman Schwieterman moved to purchase the system at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 to be paid for from the Town's Waste Water Fund.

The Council also approved by consensus to have the Posey Hill sewer project surveyed.

Vice President Schwieterman resigned her position on the Council at the conclusion of the meeting, citing health and personal reasons. President Stoeckley requested that the position be advertised with interviews for an appointee to take place at the June 16, 2009, meeting.

Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After review, Councilman Young moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers for \$15,281.96. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Schwieterman then moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was duly adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Altman, Councilman

Council Approve: