

August 4, 2009

Roanoke Town Council Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 7:00 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 Troy Karshner, Councilman Brian Young, Councilman Nick Altman and Councilwoman Ann O'Briant. Also present were Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Marshal Kip Rupert and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilman Karshner moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2009 as written. Councilwoman O'Briant seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Council approved two home improvement requests by consensus as follows: 1) Mr. Chad Dauscher, 910 N, Seminary St., moving of current shed and new fence installation, 2) Mr. Nick Eckert, 838 N. Seminary Street, new shed.

Roanoke Chamber representative Chris Jensen was present to request permission to close off First Street between High and Main for the Taste of Roanoke event on August 22. After discussion regarding fire truck access, the Council agreed to the request by consensus.

Mr. Phil Hibbert from DLZ, the Town's engineering firm was present to discuss the Council's pleasure regarding moving forward with the IDEM agreed order, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. After much discussion and input from JoAnne regarding the near zero balance of the wastewater operating fund and the \$203,000 in the wastewater investment fund, Vice President Karshner moved to spend \$100,000 from the investment fund to continue with the agreed order improvements on Fourth and Main Streets. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. David Harris of REDO next offered a power point presentation of proposed new building guidelines for the Town. A committee of local business persons and residents had been formed to initiate the guideline process and plans to present the program to the public for approval in the near future. Several questions were asked regarding current Indiana Code and the "power" the committee would have to enforce the guidelines. Further information would be forthcoming by mid September for the Council to review.

Marshal Rupert reported several vehicle break-ins over the last two weeks and encouraged residents to lock their cars. He also received permission by consensus from the Council to sell three laptop computers provided no other department in Town could use them.

Superintendent Swain gave a lengthy utility report, copy on file at the utility garage. Discussion then centered around a document that informed the Town of a proposed wetland to be built by Vera Bradley Inc., per I.C. Flood Act

near the Town of Roanoke. Paul expressed his concern regarding the potential breeding ground for mosquitos so near the Town, while spending thousands of dollars a year on mosquito chemicals. After discussion, JoAnne was to follow up by scheduling a public hearing on the issue per information on the certified mail document.

JoAnne requested the Council members fill out the “conflict of interest” forms and turn into her at the next Council meeting. She also stated she was researching how other cities and towns include hydrant rental fees on utility billings. Should the Council approve the fee, about \$38,000 could be freed up from the property tax General Fund for other needs than hydrant rental.

President Stoeckley was meeting with Attorney Bendall the next morning to finalize the paperwork for the former C & M property purchase.

John also stated that he and Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Ms. Darlene Garrett from Parkview Hospital and Town insurance agent David Mettler would be meeting the following week to discuss issues related to the contract between the Town and the hospital regarding the EMS living quarters located in the Town fire garage.

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 voucher for \$104,465.27, copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer’s office. Vice President Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer

Council Approve:
