

September 1, 2009

Roanoke Town Council Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, September 1, 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 Vice President Troy Karshner, Councilman Brian Young, Councilman Nick Altman and Councilwoman Ann O'Briant. President John Stoeckley was absent. Also present were Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Marshal Kip Rupert, Fire Chief Chad Taylor and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilman Young moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2009 as written. Councilwoman O'Briant seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Phil Hibbert of DLZ Engineering was present to advise the Council that the submitted bids for the Canal Street Phase II Improvements had been reviewed. Based on the results, DLZ was recommending awarding the project to Wayne Asphalt & Construction Co., Inc. of Fort Wayne for \$52,127.00. After consideration, Councilman Young moved to award the Canal St. Project bid to Wayne Asphalt as recommended, to be paid out of the MVH Fund. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. The Notice of Award was then signed by the Council, copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office.

Vice President Karshner next suspended the regular Council meeting and convened the Public Hearing for the Roanoke 2010 Budget as advertised. Mr. Brian Secor repeatedly asked how the Council could justify advertising an estimated 2010 Budget over the 3.8% non-binding recommendation of the Huntington County Council. JoAnne and the Council repeatedly responded that the estimated annual Budget and levy were always advertised high at the figures that the Department of Local Government Finance had reviewed and then provided the Town at their previously conducted consult in July. Should the Town not advertise higher than their maximum levy, funds could potentially be lost as, JoAnne reminded Mr. Secor, had happened with the Roanoke Library Board for 2009 while headed by Mr. Secor. Most Cities and Towns advertise high to maximize the amount of revenue they can receive to be most effective for the Town, since levies had not yet been finalized by the State. Mr. Secor continued to disagree and stated that the Town would receive fines, in place since 2006, for the Town doing so. JoAnne stated that was not true. JoAnne then asked where Mr. Secor's outrage was over the last three years since 2006 regarding this issue and why the Town had never received any fines as yet. No answer was forthcoming. As Mr. Secor's questions had been repeatedly answered, Vice President Karshner asked if there was any further discussion. As there was none, Vice President Karshner closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular Council meeting.

Marshal Rupert stated the police department laptop computers to be placed on sale were still being looked at for specifications for advertising. A detailed copy of the police report for the month of August is available for review at the

Clerk/Treasurer's office.

Councilman Altman provided a copy of an Ordinance from Ossian regulating the use of golf carts on Town streets. The Council decided to table the issue over the next two weeks while they considered the document.

Fire Chief Chad Taylor gave the fire report with no special circumstances, copy on file in the Fire Garage.

Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann gave the utility report stating the water tower painting had been completed. A more detailed utility report may be obtained from the utility garage during normal business hours.

Councilman Altman reminded everyone to be sure to watch for kids as school has started again.

Councilman Young stated the Bicycle Challenge would take place in Town on September 20 in the morning.

JoAnne requested that the TAB please report that she would be more than happy to discuss the Town Budget with any resident at their convenience.

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 \$147,441.62, copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was duly adopted.

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:
