

**September 15, 2009  
Roanoke Town Council Minutes**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, September 15, 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 Nick Altman, and Councilwoman Ann O'Briant. Councilman Brian Young was not present. Also present were Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Marshal Kip Rupert and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.**

**Vice President Karshner moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 1, 2009 as written. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. President Stoeckley abstained.**

**Vice President Karshner next moved to adopt the proposed 2010 Roanoke Town Budget as advertised, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**The Council next considered and voted unanimously to sign the contract for the Canal Street Improvements, Phase II, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office.**

**President Stoeckley next opened the bids for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project 2009, Phase I, Main and Fourth Streets as advertised. The bids were opened and read as follows: 1) Crosby Excavating / \$84,152.75 2) Earth Construction / \$76,093.50 3) Geiger Excavating / \$124,050.00 4) Kurtz Excavating / \$105,829.53 5) Pyramid Excavating / \$120,373.75, copies on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Mr. Phil Hibbert from Dodzik Engineering then examined the bids to determine a recommendation of awarding the bid to Earth Construction. Vice President Karshner then moved to award the project, based on Mr. Hibbert's preliminary recommendation and pending further in depth review, to Earth Construction for \$76,093.50. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was adopted unanimously.**

**Mrs. Jean Williams, owner of Economy Machine Products was present to announce a community service fund raiser, through Trinity United Methodist Church, to collect walnuts to sell to processing plants, proceeds going toward a**

**free health clinic. She encouraged the community and the Town Council to get involved and stated Economy Machine's parking lot would be staged as the collection point on Saturdays through the first part of November. Nylon mesh bags were available at Economy Machine and the Town Council approved the fund raiser by consensus, stating that any walnuts found in the Town Park could also be collected. Donors with any questions could contact Mrs. Williams through Economy Machine or Mr. Don Mathias through Trinity United Methodist Church.**

**Mr. Dan Okuly of 330 Vine Street was present with pictures requesting trimming of the hedge line along Puller's Blvd. that had overgrown, thereby preventing a clear view for cars to pull onto Vine Street due also to a pear tree. The Council asked that the matter be turned over to the Police Department to find out who the owner of the abandoned property was to deliver notice of ordinance violation that requires that the trimming be done.**

**Marshal Rupert stated the computer pricing discussed at the last 3 meetings was still not completed and asked the Council if they wanted to get wireless connection computer cards for the units. The Council agreed by consensus to have Kip get prices first.**

**The Council also agreed that the golf cart ordinance from the Town of Ossian, Indiana was "good" and covered everything they felt should be included. JoAnne was to use the ordinance as a template, check with Judge Turpin for his input, and adapt a preliminary draft for the Town Council to consider at the next regular Council meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**Fire Chief Chad Taylor stated the 2009 expenditure issues from the department's maintenance appropriation had been resolved. Vice President Karshner spoke to a meeting with fire personnel and the Jackson Township Trustee regarding the township purchasing a new tanker truck, which would be used, as the old one is now, for the townships and outlying areas. Troy expected feedback from the Township within the next 30-60 days.**

**Town Superintendent Paul Swain gave the utility report stating the department had picked up many loads of brush, had swept the streets before and after the Fall Festival, sprayed for mosquitos four (4 ) times before the festival and the Town engineering firm DLZ was completing survey work on Posey Hill. They were continuing to flush and flow test the water hydrants,**

**had sprayed for weeds and the fire department had cleaned out the “fire building” at the water plant. A full utility report maybe obtained from the utility garage during normal business hours.**

**Paul also stated that the Vera Bradley wetlands project now has a permit number and a liaison assigned to the proposal. Paul was almost finished gathering the 25+ signatures needed to request a public hearing on the project and would keep the Council updated on a date the hearing may be held.**

**Vice President Karshner and Councilman Altman both complimented all the Town departments for their contributions and hard work in making the Fall Festival the previous weekend a success.**

**President Stoeckley stated the work on Highway #24 was progressing at a rapid rate, day and night to be finished by mid October.**

**He stated there had been a meeting with Ms. Darlene Garrett of Parkview Hospital with the Town’s insurance agent and the Town would need to make some improvements to the EMS quarters in the near future to be paid for out of CEDIT funds.**

**John also stated that Arlington Heights and Castle Hill were “talking” to resolve their differences regarding their mutual contract for services. The Town attorney had been apprised and John was “hopeful” things could be worked out without any Town involvement.**

**John announced that the Town now owned the six (6) former C & M Plating properties and paid \$46,000,.....\$35,000 from the County CEDIT grant Clerk/Treasurer JoAnne Kirchner had written for and received, and the remaining \$11,000 from the Town.**

**John next expressed concern regarding the lack of a fence on the property in the County next to the elementary school, as it had a new large retention pond that was gradually filling. In checking with the County Plan Commission, John was told a fence was not required in the County, however the new property owner planned to put a fence up “at a later time”. John had been in contact with principal Roth and asked Paul to get some quotes for a 6' chain link fence to see if the Town and the school could come to terms together and/or with the property owner for an immediate resolution to the issue due to**

**the potential for problems.**

**Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After review, Vice President Karshner moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable voucher for \$43,128.58, copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**Councilman Young then moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman O'Briant seconded and the motion was duly adopted.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer**

**Council Approve:**

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