

November 3, 2009

Roanoke Town Council Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, November 3, 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, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Marshal Rip Rupert and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilman Young moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 20, 2009 with a one word correction requested by Councilman Altman. Vice President Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Council approved by consensus a home improvement request from Zach and Erin Randol of 734 Commercial Street for a new shed.

Town Engineer, Mr. Andy Dodzik, was present to review with the Council the latest communication from Mr. Terry Ressler from IDEM regarding the status of the sewer improvement projects agreed order that needed to be finished by the end of 2011. Upon review, Andy estimated the second half of the projects to be projected at \$300,000. Several caveats could be in play i.e. current low construction estimates, rising material costs, etc. JoAnne reviewed wastewater receipts and expenditures for all of 2008 and 2009 through October with the Council (copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office). During discussion, Andy stated some of the work could be billed to the MVH (street) Fund also for the paving portion. With that in mind and most large repairs having been done at the WWTP in the last few months, it was determined that along with the \$204,000 in wastewater investments as backup, the second half of the agreed order could proceed as promised. Therefore Councilman Young moved to approve the design and repairs for the Posey Hill wastewater improvements to be paid out of the wastewater operating fund as possible and using investment funds only if necessary as the operating fund accumulated. Vice President Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Commercial Street portion of the agreed order would follow to be completed hopefully by the end of 2011. President Stoeckley recommended and the Council agreed by consensus that at the end of the wastewater debt service in mid 2014, significant effort should be made to build up the wastewater investment fund again, with any future Council-members agreeing to that proposition.

Superintendent Swain gave the Utility report stating all the sidewalks had been finished on the Canal Street Project that day, two alleys had been paved in Town the previous weekend, and leaf pick-up was progressing well. Copies of the full utility report may be obtained from the utility garage during normal business hours.

Troy stated on behalf of the fire department that the Trunk-or-Treat at the Brethren Church in conjunction with the department had gone well and was heavily attended.

Marshal Rupert distributed the Police report for the month of October, (copies on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office) and said there were no major problems during Halloween. John reviewed the letter from County Prosecuting Attorney, Amy Richison, where she informed all law enforcement departments in the County that all custodial interviews of felony crime suspects must be video and audio recorded, (copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office). This mandate becomes effective January 1, 2011 and there would be a meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2009 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Gar Room at the County Courthouse to discuss this mandate. After discussion, the Council was hopeful that all departments would be able to share a centralized location to comply with the mandate. President Stoeckley stated he would go to the meeting.

The proposed contract between the Town and Parkview EMS dated September 16, 2009 was discussed. While it was the consensus of the Council that some upgrades were in order to the space, they also felt the area could be kept significantly cleaner by the EMT's themselves, i.e. use vacuum, wash dirty dishes under the sink, etc. The Council asked Mr. Dave O'Briant of Aboite H/AC to determine what might be needed to improve the air quality in the space so request for bids could be initiated. There is already another exit door available in the quarters. John asked the Council to review the contract (copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office) and edit for the next regular Council meeting of November 17, 2009.

Councilman Altman stated Judge Turpin was editing the agreement letter that residents would need to sign while registering their golf-carts.

Paul reported on the public hearing he attended for the Vera Bradley wetlands project. He stated if the project were initially approved, he would appeal that decision.

John stated he was attending a meeting with Jay Poe in Wabash on Friday, November 6 pertaining to the A-7 Corridor.

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 \$75,552.96. 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:
