

**Roanoke Town Council Minutes
November 4, 2008**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 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 Michelle Schwieterman, Councilman Brian Young, Councilman Troy Karshner and Councilman Nick Altman. Also present were Marshal Kip Rupert, Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Park Board President Barry Knuckles and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilman Brian Young moved to approve the regular Council meeting minutes of October 21, 2008 as written with a one word correction. Vice President Schwieterman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Council approved by consensus a home improvement request by Ms. Terri Edmiston of 332 Rockwell for a new fence placement.

Fire Chief Chad Taylor gave the Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department report for the month of October. He requested auto delays and object detectors for the fire garage doors for a quote of \$1,912.00. The cost also included replacing the motor in the sensors and installing timer delays. Vice President Schwieterman moved to approve the request as quoted, to be paid out of the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Marshal Rupert reported that the anti-drug program at the elementary school the week before was very successful. A police report for the month of October may be obtained from the Marshal's office during normal business hours.

Superintendent Swain gave the utility report stating leaf pick-up was continuing full force, the new street signs had been posted per advertised ordinance, and crews had begun to survey Commercial Street for

more sewer infrastructure improvements per phase two of the IDEM mandate. New sidewalks had been completed for those residents participating the sidewalk plan for 2008. Paul stated the final bill for the 8th Street Project would be ready by the next Council meeting. A full written utility report may be obtained from the utility garage during normal business hours.

Town employee and elected official salaries for 2009 were again considered. After discussion, Vice President Schwieterman moved to increase salaries across the board 3% with the following exceptions at a higher rate, based on the formerly approved evaluation matrix:

Town Super	\$24.00 per hour
Asst. Town Super	\$23.01 per hour

Clerk of the Court	\$18.00 per hour
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	\$17.00 per hour
1 st Deputy Marshal	\$41,300.00 per year
Councilperson	\$2,500.00 per year
Council V. P.	\$2,700.00 per year
Council President	\$3,000.00 per year

Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved 4-1, with Councilman Altman voting “no” stating that he felt the Councilpersons should not receive raises.

President Stoeckley next reviewed options for the possible purchase by the Town of the former C & M Plating properties. After discussion, John stated that the Town could purchase the properties with Water Operating Funds and then replace the monies after receiving the tap fees from Keller Development for the Jackson Square Senior Apartment complex. JoAnne recommended applying for funds from the Huntington County CEDIT Funds first since the proposed purchase had not been budgeted for 2009. President Stoeckley made the motion to apply for a County CEDIT grant through HCUED and the CEDIT advisory committee for 2009 for the entire estimated \$60,000 asking price. Paul was also to obtain two appraisals on the properties. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Asst. Superintendent John Hitzemann updated the Council on the UV system replacement part at the WWTP and stated he would be able to provide a comparison of seasonal flows in the near future as a result of the new equipment.

Security systems for the Park property was discussed. Barry stated he could look into some estimated costs. The Council questioned why the new restrooms at the new Park building were not open during the Fall Festival. Barry stated several port-a-jons were available and he did not want to risk vandalism, stating that the inside of the old restrooms had been paint-balled the previous weekend. The issue was tabled until Barry got back to the Council regarding camera costs.

Troy stated a meeting was planned with the utility department to discuss procedures for limbs, brush and leaf pick-up.

Last on the agenda was presentation of bills for payment. After consideration, Vice President Schwieterman moved to approve the bills for payment as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers in the amount of \$200,588.14. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Vice President Schwieterman then moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was duly adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer

Council Approve:
