

Roanoke Town Council Minutes

May 6, 2008

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, May 6, 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, Councilman Brian Young and Councilman Troy Karshner. Vice President Michelle Schwieterman and Councilman Nick Altman were not present. Also present were Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Marshal Kip Rupert, Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann and Chris Jenkins, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilman Young moved to approve the special meeting minutes of April 15, 2008 as written. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Karshner moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 15, 2008 as written. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was also approved unanimously.

The Council approved by consensus two home improvement requests as follows: 1) Mr. John Nelson, 950 Oak Park Drive, new shed placement 2) Mr. Evan Miller, 153 W. First St., new room addition.

Chad Taylor, the Fire Chief said Roanoke Village contacted the fire department about an issue with the underbrush being a fire hazard in the waterways. President Stoeckley recommended using the areas as practice for the fire department and Chad Taylor agreed. Chad's concern is the smoke for the residents. Councilman Karshner said he will contact Bill Horoho, the President of the association and Chad will also talk to them. Chad thought perhaps July or August would be the best time as there would be less smoke.

Chad also mentioned that people have called the fire department to fill their pools thinking this may generate revenue. Councilman Karshner also has received three calls. President Stoeckley thought this was done in the past but it was stopped due to liability. He said something needed to be signed by the resident accepting responsibility and liability. He is to call Ted Bendall to check to see what can be done. Chris Jenkins the Deputy Clerk Treasurer mentioned that adjustments to the sewer bill can also be done if the Clerk's

office is informed prior to the filling of the pool in order to get proper readings.

Chad Taylor also asked about the concern with funding. President Stoeckley suggested calling JoAnne for needed repairs and maintenance to make sure the funds were available. He also requested that Chad keep the Council advised.

President Stoeckley then opened the bids for the Eighth St. project. They are on file in the Clerk's office and they are being compared by the Town Engineer. It will be awarded on May 20, 2007 at the Town Council meeting. Pending review, President Stoeckley recommended approval of Earth Construction as they were the lowest bid. Councilman Young moved to approve them pending review by the engineer and Councilman Karshner seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

There were citizens present to voice concern their concern about the mobile homes being sold at auction at the corners of Main and Seventh streets. DeLoss Hartley thought that the ground was not to continue being used for mobile homes after it was sold. President Stoeckley stated he would contact the attorney. He also requested that the Clerk Treasurer review past minutes. He understands the citizen's concerns and wants to do what is right. He read parts of the County Code 150.02 which did not seem to clarify the issue. He thought the mobile homes were probably grandfathered in in the past but buyers of the lot need to be apprised that mobile homes probably can't stay. Mr. Swaidner presented the council with pictures and signatures of 6 residents who are concerned. President Stoeckley stated that he would also call the Ness Bros., the realtor. Lee Weiss stated that one of the trailers does not meet the 500 square foot requirement.

Dave Mettler of Mettler Insurance gave the renewals for the fire department. He had checked with Chad Taylor about the equipment. The premium decreased by \$94.00 per year. He also presented the three year renewal policy for the health insurance product for the fire fighters. The three year policy increased by \$446.00 from three years ago. It is billed annually. He stated that there is a blanket policy over all of the fire equipment.

Dave also mentioned the new concession stand at the park. Councilman Young said it should be under the town's insurance now. Dave is to contact Barry Knuckles about the construction value for coverage.

Dave also stated that the workman's comp policy for the fire department will be due in July and he will bring it to the attention of the council at that time.

The council agreed by consensus that it would be a homeowner's responsibility to move any structure, such as a shed, if it became necessary to do any work on utility lines, etc.

President Stoeckley mentioned the vacating of the alley behind the old coil factory at the request of Rich Pape. However, since Mr. Pape was not in attendance to discuss the matter further, the motion to table the issue was brought by Councilman Young and seconded by President Stoeckley.

Marshall Rupert said that Kasie Platt has offered to mow the gun range twice a month for the cost of gas and use of his own equipment. President Stoeckley moved to approve this request and Councilman Troy seconded it. It was agreed by consensus.

Town Superintendent Paul Swain mentioned that they had swept the streets, cold patched, installed 25 mxu's and picked up brush. They had installed piping for the park and repaired a 5" crack in one of the park's lines.

The gear reducer was replaced at the WWTP as it was simply worn out. Assistant Town Superintendent John Hitzemann said it went on line January 1, 1997.

The town employees had also graded and reseeded Roanoke Village along Min St. Councilman Karshner asked who should mow and maintain that property and Superintendent Swain stated that it was an accepted practice that the property owner takes care of it.

The town employees also prepared their building for insulation by Momper Insulation which has been completed.

President Stoeckley mention that people had bought land on S. Main St. and they may want water and sewer. Paul had given them a couple of options and some of the cost would go to the property owner if they are above and beyond the normal. He mentioned that this was a problem with annexing property outside of the existing utilities but the people are just inquiring now but since they have been annexed, utilities would have to be provided if requested.

President Stoeckley said that all department heads must have a rough budget ready for the second meeting in June. Reviews are also due in June.

President Stoeckley asked Superintendent Swain about anticipated capital improvements from 2005 such as a new well on the Ross property. Superintendent Swain stated that he had spoken with Ed Ross and he did not seem interested in talking to him. He thought the Town Council should contact him. President Stoeckley said Mr. Ross needed to be invited to a meeting. He also asked about the possible 8” test well and test pump. Superintendent Swain said the town spent \$12,000.00 for a fracture trace analysis and it was determined that the Ross property was the closest and best site to the WWTP. President Stoeckley asked Superintendent Swain if the land could be purchased, a well dug and still come up with nothing? Superintendent Swain said that is possible but that is why the money was spent on the fracture analysis to help eliminate that possibility.

Superintendent Swain said that the most important thing from his capital improvement list would be replacing of the iron filter. The cost of only the filter, at the time of the original request was \$150,000.00 and this does not include the structure to house it. President Stoeckley asked if the town would keep the original one and Superintendent Stoeckley said yes, however, the second one would be needed in order to work on the first one.

President Stoeckley asked if Superintendent Swain could put together a cost estimate.

Superintendent Swain said the sprayer and fogger are ready. They plan to larvicide the ponds on Wednesday. Councilman Karshner said Roanoke Village is treating their pond. Superintendent Swain said the UV system has been cleaned and it is helping.

Chris Jenkins the Deputy Clerk Treasurer stated that the town has saved over \$300.00 from Quill for office supplies since signing up for their “Preferred Customer” program. She also mentioned the costs of the replacement of the gear reducer for the WWTP as these costs cannot be projected and they were extensive at over \$5,500.00.

President Stoeckley mentioned the Huntington County Seminar with Umbaugh to discuss the HB 1001 preparing towns for the reduction in

income. He also asked if there had been any response from Keller Development in regards to the invoices to be forwarded to them for the senior apartment complex. No one had heard back from them.

The owner of 273 Commercial St., Mr. Wood, asked if anything could be done about a boat on his side of Third St. which is a gravel alley. President Stoeckley asked if it was on public property. Mr. Wood said yes and that the tags had expired two years ago. Councilman Young said for Deputy Jim Wood to put a warning on the boat and have it towed if no response. If the owner gets tags on the boat, Deputy Wood is to remind them that it must be off public property.

Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. Councilman Young moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers for \$107,721.25. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman Karshner moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Young seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Jenkins, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer