

Roanoke Town Council Minutes

July 1, 2008

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, July 1, 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 Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Marshal Kip Rupert, Fire Chief Chad Taylor and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Vice President Schwieterman moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 17, 2008 as written. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Karshner moved to approve the Special Council meeting minutes of June 24, 2008 as written. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Council approved by consensus a home improvement from Mr. Matt Straley of 543 Commercial Street for a rear home addition.

A representative from the Huntington County Solid Waste District was present to advise the Council on costs for the recycle trailer the District owns. He basically informed them the District would not be able to cover operating costs from the Town to the landfill, which currently costs the Town about \$16,000 per year when man hours, gas, insurance truck wear, etc. is figured at three (3) times a week hauling. After much discussion, the Council asked that he request from the members of the District Board what percentage of costs they would be able to help the Town with for hauling at the same current schedule. The next District meeting is July 7th at 8:00 A.M. at the Huntington County Courthouse.

Next on the agenda was Ordinance 2008-3, an Ordinance amending Section 53.06 of Roanoke's Town code relating to the rates and charges of the wastewater works system. President Stoeckley moved to adopt the Ordinance as written and advertised and discussed during a public hearing. Vice President Schwieterman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

President Stoeckley next suspended the regular Council meeting and opened a Public Hearing, as advertised, for the Jackson Square Senior Housing Project.

Mr. Nate Cole was present to answer any questions. After discussion, President Stoeckley closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular Council meeting.

Several residents were present who had been sent certified letters that week informing them they needed to connect to the Town wastewater utility system per ordinance within the next 90 days. Lengthy discussion followed where it was noted that no motions were made and no legal documents were presented during the public hearing on the North Annexation in 2003 when relevant sewer utility discussion may have taken place. Mrs. Johns produced a tape recording of the meeting which President Stoeckley stated he would listen to at a more convenient and quieter time. After further discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to research specific resident questions further and re-address the issue at the first Council meeting in August.

President Stoeckley next stated that there was a significant concrete floor slope issue with the new park concession stand and the contractor had agreed to deduct \$5,500 from the final billing. John stated the concrete could be etched to drain in a more efficient fashion. Phil Hibbert from Dodzik Engineering was to be present at the next Council meeting for final project close-out.

John then noted that the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, REDO and the Town had commissioned a study over the past 6 months to discover what Town leaders, businesses and residents envisioned as a 10 year plan for Roanoke. There was to be a meeting on July 22, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall with Mr. Mark Wickersham, Director of HCUED, presenting the results of the study. Vice President Schwieterman moved to commit to verbal support from the Town Council to the 10 year plan. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Fire Chief Chad Taylor stated the air conditioning in the rear meeting room in the Town Hall was not functioning properly. It had needed recharged last summer when the Town auditors were in. Dave O'Briant who was in the audience stated it needed a new roof condenser at the very least.. Paul Swain was directed to get two quotes for repair and the fire department said they would just use fans in the meantime.

Marshal Kip Rupert asked that there be a surcharge added to traffic ordinance violations in the amount of \$15.00 to help off-set fuel costs.

Councilman Young moved as such, Michelle seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Kip then asked that parking tickets be increased from \$5.00 to \$20.00 and handicapped space violations be taken to \$50.00. Councilman Young moved as such, Troy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Kip also spoke on the several fireworks complaints he had received. After consideration, the Council took the information under advisement and no action was taken on the issue, other than to continue to follow State guidelines.

Paul gave the utility report stating the department had repaired an old collapsed storm drain on Glen Dee Lane and had repaired a water main break on Steven Court in Crestwood that day. He stated Earth Construction had started on the Eighth Street Project the previous day.

Michelle asked if whoever was spraying for mosquitoes at night could leave work at noon or earlier so that there would be no overtime dollars used for spraying the Town. Significant discussion followed between Paul and John Stoeckley as to who was to set policy for managing flex time and overtime, the Council or the Town Superintendent. Michelle said \$593.00 had been spent in June for mosquito spraying for overtime wages and she felt that was an area where revenue could be saved if the individual spraying just went home early and came in later to spray. Paul explained that the wind speed, rain and temperatures at 7:00 P.M. in the evenings determined whether spraying would occur. No final decision was made on Michelle's suggestion.

John S. asked who now had CDL licenses and what grade utility operating licenses were held by which employees.

New resident Steve Weber asked if he needed to coordinate new driveway and garage construction at his Seminary St. home with any particular street grade. He was told that no short term plans for Seminary were set at this time and Paul would work with him with any near future questions.

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 \$73,088.69. Councilman Altman 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

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