

**Roanoke Town Council Minutes
August 5, 2008**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, August 5, 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, and Councilman Nick Altman. Councilman Troy Karshner was not present. Also present were Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Park Board President Barry Knuckles and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Vice President Schweiterman moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 15, 2008 as written. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

President Stoeckley next suspended the regular Council meeting and convened a public hearing on the 2009 Town Budget as twice advertised. JoAnne reviewed the advertised numbers and stated there were copies available for the public. There were no comments from the public and no one wanted a copy of the advertisement. That being the case, President Stoeckley

closed the public hearing and re-convened the regular Council meeting.

Mr. Phil Hibbert from DLZ was present to discuss with Council the final payment for the new park concession stand, the accompanying change order and the projected solutions to correct construction errors.

After review, Vice President Schwieterman moved to pay the final payment of \$9,635.00 and to approve the change order in the amount of a \$(5,500.00) credit. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office.

The Council next agreed by consensus to a home improvement request by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wood of 273 Commercial Street for repairing an existing front porch.

Ms. Pam Worrel and Mr. Robin Roush were present from the Roanoke Library Board with some questions regarding the \$300 per month proposed rent and utility operating expenses the Town was planning to initiate on January 1, 2009. There was also significant discussion between President Stoeckley and the board members regarding the upside of consolidating the Roanoke library with the Huntington library. He stated their choices were to either consolidate or raise the library taxes. He suggested the board vote on whether they wanted to investigate consolidation and then meet with

Huntington officials and the State to determine the protocol to make that happen.

President Stoeckley next addressed the sewer connect issue as promised and tabled from two meetings before. Several residents were present and entered into discussions as to whether or not they had been “grandfathered into” the system several years back before having been annexed. Much discussion and debate followed regarding amending the ordinance or to allow the current residents to be grandfathered as a “one time”, “one owner” allowance. President Stoeckley moved as such, to amend the ordinance and to grandfather in the current owners as a one time allowance to by-pass sewer connect fees. Councilman Altman seconded. The vote was 2-2. President Stoeckley asked for another vote which resulted in the same result. John stated that JoAnne needed to break the tie. After comments, JoAnne abstained. The issue was tabled until the next regular Council meeting on August 19th, 2008.

The Council next reconsidered the High Street issue. Much discussion on options to the problem followed from residents, Mr. Junior Geiger, the Council and Phil Hibbert, designer from DLZ. There was a concern that elderly persons and children needing services from the complex i.e. chiropractor and new dentists would need to navigate Hwy #24 to continue to access the businesses. It was decided that a project committee made up of Jr.

Geiger, Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Randy Pickard, along with the Town Superintendent and a Councilperson would research further acceptable compromises and/or solutions to the issue.

The Council asked that DLZ produce some new rudimentary estimated costs for the project from Canal St., rather than High Street.

Vice President Schwieterman moved to approve a \$500 repair cost from Aboite H/AC to the rear Town Hall meeting room air conditioner. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

John S. also reported that Police car #2 was at Pace having the transmission replace on the Crown Victoria at a cost of about \$2,500.

Asst. Town Superintendent Hitzemann gave the utility report stating that the department had picked up over dump truck loads of brush, new sidewalks had been installed at the “block church” and a large blower at the WWTP needed to be replaced for about \$3,000.

After discussion the Council agreed by consensus to shut the utility services off at a residence on 7th Street due to the customer impeding the department’s attempts to upgrade the meter system inside the home after many, attempts at contact including certified mail.

Phil Hibbert from DLZ then updated the 8th Street project stating that due to unforeseen crooked old infrastructure, E. 8th Street is practically non-existent with no asphalt due to excessive digging for the current project. After discussion, the Council tabled the issue, but asked that Phil do a very preliminary cost estimate on some type of repair or resurfacing. Phil also stated that 8th Street water expense would be cut by about 60 feet.

John S. stated he had some individuals in mind for the revised extra-territorial jurisdiction and would contact those persons within the next two weeks.

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 \$71,631.23. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer

Council Approve: