

**Roanoke Town Council Minutes
June 19, 2007**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 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 Perry Collins, Vice President John Stoeckley, Councilwoman Michelle Schwieterman and Councilman Bob King. Councilman Brian Young was not present. Also present were Town Marshal Eric Sands, Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilwoman Schwieterman moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 5, 2007 as written. Councilman King seconded and the motion was approved unanimously with Vice President Stoeckley abstaining.

The Council approved by consensus three property improvement requests as follows: 1) Mr. Troy Karshner, 434 Nordyke, Pool/Deck addition 2) Mr. Rocky Hull, 836 N. Seminary St., Fence 3) 3) Mr. Todd Kuruda, 396 Hillside Ave., Fence.

Christ's United Methodist Church representative Robert Humphries had requested in writing permission from the Council to close a section of Third Street on Sunday June 24, 2007 from, 7:00 A.M. to no longer than six hours after that time. The Council approved the written request by consensus, copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office.

Resident Brian Secor next spoke on some proposed clearing of McPherran Ditch, detailing his concerns regarding esthetics, erosion and flooding. The Council thanked him for his information and requested that Superintendent Swain attend the Huntington County Drainage Board meeting at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday, June 21st where the issue would be discussed.

Mr. Scott Lougheed, Engineer for Biggs Developing, was present with Mr. Kevan Biggs to review the plat for a new 16 lot subdivision, Kilsquah Preserve. There was much discussion regarding width of streets, the partial lack of curbs and sidewalks and ingress and egress. The firm was requesting a

waiver from the Town's street designs and if none was forthcoming, a request would be made to make the streets private, although they wanted to be annexed. The requests were being made to retain the "country type setting". After further discussion where Vice President John Stoeckley reminded the Council of severe past and ongoing problems with previous subdivisions that were not uniform in development, the issue was tabled until the next regular Council meeting of Monday, July 2, 2007, change of day advertised as such from the regular Tuesday meeting.

Councilman King then moved to introduce and waive reading of proposed Ordinance 2007-7, an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Roanoke, Indiana Establishing an Ordinance Violation Deferral Program and Expanding the Scope of Town Fund 239. Councilwoman Schwieterman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Councilman King then moved to adopt Ordinance 2007-7 as introduced. Councilwoman Schwieterman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office.

Superintendent Swain reviewed the Western Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project estimate of probable construction costs, Phase I totaling \$87,200. After discussion, the project was tabled to be included in a future Special Council meeting to consider all wastewater projects within a five year period.

Paul also stated the utility department had fixed the downtown drinking fountain, punched a new line to the block church new addition, the annual CCR water reports had been mailed by the Clerk/Treasurer's office, and the South Main Street sidewalk section of Mr. Patton Cox had been repaired. Paul stated that Wayne Asphalt would be in the following week to complete the First Street paving near the Lassus station and other patchwork as he determined.

Paul then distributed copies of cost estimates for Canal Street Improvements (Home Street to Vine Street) totaling \$151,255 based on the year 2007, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. He thought the Council might want to consider the project costs, i.e. new sidewalks now, in conjunction with the adjacent area currently being re-developed. No action was taken on the project.

President Collins stated the recent Roanoke Town income survey results had been received from Jeffrey Hornsby, Ph.D., SPHR at Ball State University, copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. The survey analysis concluded

that 38.82% of residents were below the low-moderate income level as prescribed by the Community Development Block Grant Program, thereby not meeting the 51% limit for federal and/or state funding.

After discussion, the Council decided by consensus to try for Saturday July 21st as an extra trash pick-up day for large items. Vice President Stoeckley stated he would contact Pathfinders for more details before any date was finalized.

A job description for a Town Manager was again discussed, possibly using the one for Markle as a template. No action was taken on a final draft.

Marshal Sands reported that the Police Department was being pro-active regarding identifying stop sign runners at different times throughout the day and night. The department was also investigating several vehicle entries in Roanoke Village and Bluffs. He reported that a \$500 donation check had been received from American Specialty for the department's assistance in the recent triathlon and heart awareness events.

Vice President Stoeckley asked that Paul talk to the State regarding rumble strips near the newer gas station redevelopment as well as out on 900 across from Hwy #24. He also stated that the County CEDIT Board had recommended supporting and splitting the \$18,750 request from Dick Tracy Enterprises per the previous Town Council meeting.

Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After review, Councilwoman Schwieterman moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers for \$75,513.09. Councilman King seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Vice President Stoeckley next moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Schwieterman seconded and the motion was duly adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer