

April 15, 2008

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, April 15, 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 Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Marshal Kip Rupert, Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilman Karshner moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 1, 2008 as written. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously, with Councilman Altman and Vice President Schwieterman abstaining.

Representatives from the Roanoke Baptist Youth Department made a presentation requesting donations for their annual clean-up campaign, proceeds going to their mission trip fund.

Andy Dodzik, Town Engineer was present to present copies and history regarding the current IDEM mandate requirements and the three step program to address those issues outlined by his office. Andy also answered questions from Council regarding a sewer rate increase and his recommendation to approve "Option B" from municipal consultant, Greg Guerrettaz. The option would entail a 48% sewer rate increase bonding out for \$500,000 on the Open Market at 5.50% interest. After lengthy discussion, Andy stated a 35% to 45% increase would take care of the initial pending sewer issues with IDEM, and the Council could proceed with fiscally responsible planning going forward to finish replacing/repairing current failing infrastructure. Andy suggested the rate increase move forward ASAP due to the current rapidness of the cost of materials. The Council took no action on the issue.

The Council approved by consensus spending \$3,500 for new air tanks for the Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department and \$2,000 for four new radios to be paid for out of the departments maintenance fund.

Council also approved \$936 for an electrical upgrade in the Police office requested by Marshal Rupert, to be paid for out of the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund. Kip also stated that residents should keep their doors locked at night due to several recent break-ins in the area.

Superintendent Swain stated the utility department was continuing to pick up brush, the water plant had been totally painted inside, and Golden Rule had been in to clean some storm sewers in Town.

Paul then requested Council approval to proceed with insulating the pole building at the WWTP site, as budgeted in the Street (MVH) Dept. for 2008. The budgeted amount is \$12,000 and Paul quoted \$13,056.75. Councilman Karshner moved to approve the project at the quoted price. Vice President Schwieterman seconded and the motion was approved with President Stoeckley voting "no". No decision was made as to how to pay for the balance of the project.

President Stoeckley then reviewed the second rate study by Greg G. requested by Town Engineer, Andy Dodzik and JoAnne Kirchner which addressed the current IDEM mandate of about \$530,000 and a 47% increase in wastewater, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. There was extended discussion, however no decision was made regarding the issue.

JoAnne asked for clarification on several items in the employee handbook and received such per consensus from the Council.

Paul stated there would be a pre-bid conference for the 8th Street project on Monday, April 21 at 3:00 P.M. at the Town Court for contractors.

Councilman Altman stated he had sent letters of thanks to the new park concession stand donors.

JoAnne noted that there were several professional vendor bills coming in for the new senior apartment project from attorney and engineer offices that had not been budgeted for. After consideration, the Council agreed by consensus to send future professional bills to Keller Development, Inc.

Councilman Young directed Council's attention to information regarding the Little River Wetlands Project, copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office.

President Stoeckley stated that extending the extra-territorial district to a two mile limit was "in the works" by Town Attorney Mike Hartburg, who would be working with the Plan Commission to accomplish that goal for the Roanoke Board of Zoning Appeals.

Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After review, Vice President Schwieterman moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers for \$43,877.51 excepting the payment to DLZ for \$2,566.00, which was to be sent to Keller Development. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman Karshner then moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was duly adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer

Council Approve: