

**March 4, 2008
Roanoke Town Council Minutes**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, March 4, 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 Vice President Michelle Schwieterman, Councilman Brian Young, Councilman Troy Karshner, and Councilman Nick Altman, President John Stoeckley was not present. Also present were Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Htizemann, Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Marhsal Kip Rupert and JoAnne Kirchner Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilman Karshner moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 19th as written. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Vice President Schwieterman abstained.

Vice President Schwieterman stated the public hearing that had been advertised for that evening had been cancelled due to lack of necessary data and apologized for any inconvenience to the audience.

Michelle next opened the one bid that was received for the used police vehicle, as advertised. The bid was for \$700 from Mr. Jim Wood, copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. After consideration, Councilman Young moved to accept the bid as submitted. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. The Clerk would facilitate transfer of title, as appropriate.

Ms. Dawn Keller from Keller Development was present to speak again to her request of a 10 year tax phase-in as discussed at the last Council meeting where a 5 year tax phase-in was approved. After detailing further distributed data and much discussion from the audience as well as Council, Councilman Karshner moved to amend Resolution 2008-4 from a 5 year to a 10 year tax phase-in for the proposed senior housing project, relevant copies on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Brief discussion of working out a legal compromise between capping out sewer connection fees in exchange for 5 lots of property deeded to the Town by Keller Development took place. The properties had been appraised for \$66,400. The Council agreed by consensus to have the Town attorney pursue investigating the pros and cons, as well as the intricacies involved in such a transaction.

Per the request of JoAnne for a vote, Councilman Karhsner moved to spend the planned \$17,500 from the CEDIT Fund for infrastructure and development at the senior project site, as previously outlined. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Council again tabled any possible amendments to the employee handbook until President Stoeckley was present.

Councilman Young next moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2008-2, a fair housing ordinance first introduced at the last meeting. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Young then moved to adopt Ordinance 2008-2 as written. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

After Michelle stated the Town attorney needed two volunteers for a fair wage committee for the proposed IDEM project, Councilmen Young and Karshner agreed to the appointment.

Fire Chief Chad Taylor gave the RVFD report for the month of February and requested permission to sell some aero-hydraulic tools for a \$1.00 with the stipulation that if the department should need use of the tools in the future (unlikely), the department could borrow them. Michelle said she would speak with the Town attorney regarding regulations regarding a sale for \$1.00, therefore the issue was tabled.

Marshal Rupert gave the police report for the month of February. Copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office, and stated Officer Wood had started full time and was doing well.

Superintendent Swain gave the utility report, copy on file at the utility garage. He stated he had applied for a chlorine byproduct waiver from

IDEM and the EPA since the Town test results had been so favorable the last three years. This would allow reporting every year instead of quarterly.

He also stated the pressure test at Kilsquah Reserve had failed at a 6" line. After adjustments the pressure test had been successful that afternoon. Paul had distributed construction cost estimates for Eighth Street improvements totaling \$395,000, (\$145,00 for water main replacement, \$85,000 for sanitary sewer replacement, \$150,000 for roadway improvements, and \$15,000 for storm sewer improvements) copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. After consideration the Council agreed by consensus to have the Town engineer proceed with plans and bid documents.

Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After review, Councilman Young moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers for \$58,101.22. Councilman Altman 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