

March 2, 2010
Roanoke Town Council Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 7 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 Troy Karshner, Councilman Brian Young, Councilman Nick Altman and Councilwoman Ann O'Briant. Also present were Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Assistant Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Fire Chief Chad Taylor and Deputy Marshal Jim Wood. Clerk/Treasurer JoAnne Kirchner was absent.

Vice President Karshner moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 16, 2010, with one correction. In the 10th paragraph, Councilwoman O'Briant requested that the "business store front committee" be changed to the "Design Guideline Committee." The motion was approved unanimously. President Stoeckley abstained.

The Council approved by consensus a property improvement request from Shane Collins, 972 N. Main St.

Paul Zinsmeister, a candidate for Huntington County Commissioner, introduced himself to the Council and community members who were present.

With regard to the Posey Hill Project, Phil Hibbert of DLZ was not present. Superintendent Swain stated that the town was still waiting for results from soil boring samples. Swain also stated that he had been in contact with Phyllis Witherow, 433 Posey Hill St., about utilizing an easement agreement along the west property line for a storm sewer run-off toward a collection area as part of the project. Swain also stated that he was looking to the street resurfacing for the project, focusing on curbing only. A sidewalk may be discussed in the future. He will further discuss this issue when he meets with Hibbert.

Vice President Karshner moved to approve Ordinance 2010-2, regarding the regulation of use of golf carts on town streets. Councilman Young seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Councilwoman O'Briant presented two options for creating addition records space in the Town Court building. One option was the construction of a new room on in the current space used by the Court at a cost of \$9,500 from Blackburn Construction. The other was the construction of a small office space in a portion of the current garage area of the building at a cost of \$5,000, also from Blackburn Construction. The latter option would allow the Town Utilities offices to be moved out of what was originally intended to be used as records storage space. Having approved \$5,000 in CEDIT funds at a previous

meeting, the Council approved by consensus the plan to construct office space in the current garage area.

Regarding the Vera Bradley wetland issue, President Stoeckley stated that he is waiting for a judge from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to rule on the Town's case. He also stated that the Town's engineer, Andy Dodzik, is developing an alternative plan to present to Vera Bradley. Councilman Young stated that if the state rules unfavorably for the Town, he would be opposed to continuing to fight the issue, as it is a state-driven project. Based on the history of the property, citizen Brian Secor encouraged the Town to oppose the project as presented in a financially responsible manner.

Fire Chief Taylor pointed out a lack of funding for the Roanoke Volunteer Fire Department from Jackson Township, which is served by the department. Taylor stated that the township does not want to increase its tax rate, disputing the department's charges based on the contract between the township and the department. Taylor stated that some departments are trending toward territorial or district coverage in an effort to eliminate such disputes.

Along with regular meter-reading and snow and sand removal, Superintendent Swain stated that he would be meeting with Region III-A executive director Dave Koenig, Dodzik, and a representative of Keller Development regarding the utilities for the Jackson Square senior apartment complex project. He also stated that he would be asking Wayne Asphalt to hold off on the resurfacing of Fourth Street as previously agreed to because of the high volume of truck traffic anticipated on the street throughout the Posey Hill Project.

Councilwoman O'Briant and Councilman Altman both reminded local business owners and residents of the Design Guidelines Committee's upcoming public hearing on March 13, 2010, at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Councilman Young said that he spoken with Park Board President Barry Knuckles about bidding out the Board's mowing duties for the upcoming summer. Young stated that Knuckles wanted to wait until November for the bidding process. President Stoeckley stressed that he had gotten requests for the work to be bid out, and that Knuckles would likely need bids before June for the 2011 budget.

Vice President Karshner stated that the Town's 1966 Kaiser Jeep would be on display Wednesday, March 3, 2010, for interested buyers to bid on.

President Stoeckley informed the Council that Chris Jenson, the Town's Huntington County United Economic Development representative had resigned. The Council is seeking a replacement.

Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After review, Vice President Karshner moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers for \$41,592.24. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Altman, Councilman

Council Approve: