

**Roanoke Town Council Meeting
March 17, 2009**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 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, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Vice President Schwieterman moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 3, 2009 as written. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Council next approved by consensus three property improvement requests as follows: 1) Mr. Steve Troup, 410 W. Vine St., new fence 2) Mr. Kent Young, 743 N. Main St., new shed 3) Mr. David Hess, 599 Seminary St., roof pitch change.

Mr. Robin Roush was in attendance representing the Roanoke Library Board again questioning why the Town Council had requested a portion of utility bills and operating space (\$300 a month) be paid by the library to the Town beginning January 2009. President Stoeckley reminded Mr. Roush that there had been lengthy discussion during a past special Council meeting on the subject and only 1-2 library board members attended. John stated the library was a separate taxing entity like the Town and needed to start including revenue for operating costs and utilities in their annual Budget after 100 years of not paying anything, in case the Town moved out of the Town Hall to a larger space. This may necessitate increasing their tax rates. The new charges also helped off-set the sky rocketing energy costs to the Town to maintain the large space. John also stated the new fee had already been incorporated into the Town's revenues for the 2009 Budget and therefore could not be changed for 2009. He said the Council would reconsider the amount during the upcoming Budget meetings beginning in June for 2010. When asked by Mr. Roush who exactly had initiated the dialogue regarding the new fee, John responded that the previous Council President, Mr. Perry

Collins had and that he (John) had continued to follow through with the issue.

Fire Chief Chad Taylor stated in his report that the RVFD annual hog roast would take place on May 16th. He also stated the department was averaging 17 hours a month on training issues.

Mr. Brandon Taylor, Director of Emergency Services in Huntington, was present referencing Title 10 stating that he was working on a FEMA Mitigation Plan for the County and would keep the Council updated.

Asst. Superintendent John Hitzemann gave the utility report with no special circumstances. The topic of street striping came up with JoAnne reminding the Council that it was not budgeted for in 2009. John S. asked that Paul get a quote anyway and the question of borrowing or renting the City of Huntington's striper came up. A full utility report may be obtained from the utility garage during normal business hours.

JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer, had written a grant for \$65,000 additional county CEDIT funds based on two recent statutory appraisals of the six former C & M properties at the southwest corner of Main & Vine Streets, copies on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. The site would be for a new Town Hall/Public Safety/Community Center/ and parking lot. The County CEDIT Board at a meeting on March 4, 2009 recommended that the County Commissioners award \$35,000 to the Town of Roanoke toward the purchase of the properties. The Commissioners voted on March 16th to grant the recommended \$35,000. After discussion, President Stoeckley moved to offer \$50,000 to the current owner of the properties, with the balance of funds, including additional incidental costs of acquisition, coming from the water operating fund, not to exceed \$20,000. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Resident, Mr. Kent Forst was present informing the Council that there was a tall spruce tree leaning badly on the Town's ground near his home at 266 E. Washington St. The Council asked that the utility department look into the matter.

JoAnne drew Council's attention to the letter from the County Auditor, Kathy Juillerat, where she apologized for the fact that a TIF district had not been properly documented by her office after having been filed by JoAnne at

the Recorder's office, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Kathy's office had failed to set the district up in January 2007, therefore the matter has been referred to the Umbaugh Group for advisement. She will keep the Council updated on the progress of resolving the matter.

John S. stated that he had someone in mind to head up a Census Preparedness Committee as recommended by the Federal government per letter, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office.

Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After review, Councilman Young moved to approve the bills for payment as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers in the amount of \$83,991.75. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer

Council Approve:
