

October 6, 2009

Roanoke Town Council Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, October 6, 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 Councilman Nick Altman, Councilman Brian Young and Councilwoman Ann O'Briant. President John Stoeckley and Vice President Troy Karshner were not present. Also present were Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Marshal Kip Rupert and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilwoman O'Briant moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 15, 2009 as written. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved with Councilman Young abstaining.

The Council agreed by consensus to a home improvement request from Ms. Angela Warren of 366 Rockwell for a new fence installation.

Mrs. Alice Eshelman was present to thank the Council for allowing the closure of Main Street the previous Saturday evening for a private wedding which required a large tent to be erected across the span of the street. She stated the event went very well and many people commented on the charm of the Town.

The Council next considered designated "trick or treat" hours for the Town. Councilman Young moved to set the hours for Saturday, October 31st on Halloween from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman O'Briant seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Larry Davis from The Source, agent for the employee health plan, was present to update the Council with charted numbers through September 2009 on the employee reimbursement program, copy available in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Larry stated the employees had truly embraced the program and had become good consumers, thereby having 66% of the allowed dollars remaining in the plan for the year. He estimated a 1% increase next year through PHP and stated he would be back in December with more solid figures before the anniversary date of March 1, 2010.

Mr. Ryan Daniel, Northeast Indiana Community Liaison for Community and Rural Affairs, was present to update the Council on the services the office provides.

Marshal Rupert stated two of the older four laptops from his department were worth saving. The Council agreed by consensus to dispose of the two that were not financially worth saving and buy new batteries for the two that were useable for the utility department and the Clerk/Treasurer's office.

Kip also stated, when questioned about the wedding event and street closure on Main St. the previous weekend, that there were some complaints about it being a private event, but the street was closed and impassable with no revenue coming to the Town. He also stated persons wanted to know if they

could hold their own private event party on the street. He stated there had been no complaints regarding noise.

Mr. Rick Hartley of 523 Frederick Crossing was present to inform the Council and Police Department that he had been informed of several coyote sightings around the Roanoke area and wondered what the police were going to do about it. Marshal Rupert explained that wild animals could not be policed effectively just like deer, racoons etc. and there was no local ordinance against wild animals. He suggested that residents not leave food or trash out and monitor their small pets.

JoAnne had been asked by some residents of the Crestwood area to inform Kip of recent automatic gunfire at night, as well as presumed racing around a retention pond in a near by wooded area.

Superintendent Swain next gave the utility report stating the department had continued picking up brush on Mondays only, had rented a milling attachment for the bobcat to shave off severe road bumps, all the water hydrants had been flow-tested and they were still working on the mapping with fire department assistance.

Paul had sent his petition for a public hearing request to IDEM regarding a proposed wetlands project near Town which Vera Bradley Company needed to complete. The public hearing meeting had been set for Wednesday, October 21 at the Roanoke Town Hall, 126 N. Main Street, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. and all signed petitioners had been sent letters from IDEM informing of that meeting.

Paul stated that the sidewalk replacement project on Commercial St. near Economy Machine had been completed, he had received quotes for a fence between the elementary school and the adjacent residence as requested by President Stoeckley, (copies on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office), and the walnut tree in question at the last regular Council meeting was 50' away from the property in question and was healthy.

After sharing several quotes, (copies on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office) for miscellaneous paving of eight (8) areas in Town, Paul requested funding, not to exceed \$80,000, to hire Wayne Asphalt to do the specified work as quoted for \$77,175. After speaking with JoAnne regarding funding, the amount was within the appropriated dollar amount for the 2009 year after also including the Canal St. improvements that had already been approved. After consideration, Councilman Young moved to approved the paving/patching as quoted, not to exceed \$80,000 to be paid out of the MVH street reconstruction appropriation. Councilwoman O'Briant seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

A proposed golfcart ordinance was discussed at some length, lead by Councilman Altman. After several suggestions, the issue was tabled in consideration of the two Council members not present. There was also sufficient time, as winter was approaching, to consider in depth the specifications of the proposed ordinance over the next several months and Marshal Rupert stated only one resident had come forward so far expressing

interest.

JoAnne then presented three copies of the recently awarded contract for the Main and Fourth Streets Project for Council signatures, copies available from the Clerk/Treasurer's office.

JoAnne reminded the Council that the upcoming WHARMM meeting would be in Huntington this time on Monday, October 19th at the south side fire station at 6:15 P.M. and she needed RSVP's from the Council within the next few days. She also reminded them of the regular Council meeting the next evening, Tuesday October 20th and then the public hearing on the Vera Bradley wetlands project on Wednesday, October 21st from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

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 voucher for \$125,884.35, copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Councilwoman O'Briant seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Councilman Young then moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman O'Briant seconded and the motion was duly adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer

Council Approve:
