

Roanoke Town Council Minutes

June 3, 2008

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, June 3, 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, Councilman Troy Karshner and Councilman Nick Altman. Vice President Michelle Schwieterman and Councilman Brian Young were absent. Also present were Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Assistant Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Marshal Kip Rupert, Chief Chad Taylor of the RVFD and Chris Jenkins, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

President Stoeckley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2008 as written. Councilman Karshner seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The council approved by consensus the home improvement requests as follows:

1) Brian Milton, 485 Lowry Way, new deck, 2) Malcom Jones, 397 Seminary, fence, 3) Ron Rivers, 219 S. Main, new addition, 4) Wayne Cline, 1073 Smith St., new deck, 5) Chad Durre, 447 Lowry Way, new shed and driveway.

Next, President Stoeckley suspended the regular meeting to convene the public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance 2008-3, an ordinance amending section 53.06 relating to wastewater works system rates. The council received public comments. President Stoeckley then reconvened the regular council meeting. Councilman Karshner moved to table the rate increase at this time for further consideration which was seconded by Councilman Nick Altman and was approved by consensus.

Brian Secor said he did not have any suggestions for the BZA appointment. DeLoss Hartley said that, if necessary, Judy Maley would serve until a replacement was found.

Chad Taylor, the Fire Chief presented the contract for the fireworks for July 4, 2008. It was discussed that Vice President Michelle Schwieterman has several donations and that the rest of the cost will be covered by Alice Eshelman of Joseph Decuis. Councilman Troy Karshner moved to approve

the signing of the contract which was seconded by Nick Altman and passed by consensus. Alternative solutions were discussed to raise funds in the future for the fireworks. Chief Taylor wanted to thank the council that as a tax payer this decision removes tremendous liability from of the town and allows the volunteer firemen to spend the evening with their wives and family.

Chief Taylor also discussed the fire department filling pools starting next spring. He stated that they will sit down with the town council to discuss exactly how this might work and into which account the proceeds might be deposited.

Chief Taylor again discussed his concern for the overgrowth in some areas of Roanoke Village, particularly along the creek behind the houses, that could be potential fire hazards. Councilman Troy Karshner said he will talk with the association president, Bill Horoho. Chief Taylor is especially worried about the areas that may be hard to get to.

Marshall Kip Rupert said there are three yards that are not being mowed and he has received numerous complaints. The owner's seem to have "skipped" so he is working on alternative ways to contact them, the mortgage holder or the realtor if the house is listed for sale. Rick Hartley stated there are three houses in Roanoke Village with the same problem. President Stoeckley requested Marshal Rupert to contact the town attorney to find out what the town's liability might be and if approved by the attorney, to contact someone to mow the properties.

Marshal Rupert stated also that the noise and light complaint regarding the Subway Restaurant was addressed by the owner to the specifications required from a letter they received from the county on March 3, 2008. The owner said they will help in any other way they can but did not know what else could be done.

Marshal Rupert reminded everyone to lock their cars as there was a stolen car on Mayne Rd.

Superintendent Swain gave the utility report, copy on file in the utility garage during normal business hours. He also said that there was a need for washing out and painting the water tower. The fee for this is already paid in the annual maintenance fee and should be done, per contract, in the 9th or 10th year. The water tower was erected in September 1999.

Superintendent Swain is to contact Pathfinder's, the town's contracted garbage hauling company, to see if a town wide cleanup is part of their contract.

Troy Karshner made a motion to start annexation of the Kilsquah subdivision area and it was seconded by Councilman Nick Altman. This had been suggested by JoAnne as it cannot be annexed the year before a census, which would delay income for the town. It was passed by consensus. Also, President Stoeckley said he would contact the town attorney regarding annexation.

Town resident comments were heard regarding concern for things for kids to do in town during the summer days. It was suggested that they contact Barry Knuckles or the Chamber for ideas.

It was also asked if there were sidewalk funds available for 2008 and Superintendent Swain stated that there is \$5,000 in the budget for the sidewalk program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Jenkins, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer