

## **Roanoke Town Council Minutes August 19, 2008**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, August 19, 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, Vice President Michelle Schwieterman, Councilman Brian Young, Councilman Troy Karshner and Councilman Nick Altman. Also present were Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Fire Chief Chad Taylor, Marshal Kip Rupert and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.**

**Councilman Young moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 5, 2008 as written. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously with Councilman Karshner abstaining.**

**Councilman Young next moved to approve the 2009 Town Budget as advertised and after the public hearing of two weeks ago. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office.**

**President Stoeckley next suspended the regular Council meeting and opened the Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance 2008-4, an ordinance to annex certain contiguous real estate to the Town of Roanoke, Indiana, as advertised. There was some discussion on whether the Town would be plowing snow for the private drive that the developers had requested. After consideration, JoAnne was to check past minutes for specific references to the issue for the next meeting. Paul also stated the utility lines had not yet been pressure force main tested. The developer who was present, Mr. Kevan Biggs, stated he would get with his contractor the following morning. John then closed the public hearing and re-convened the regular Council meeting.**

**Mr. Alan Amick was present to request that Council use their discretion in directing all law enforcement personnel to sign the Tractor Pullers Association insurance waivers during the Roanoke tractor pull and demolition derby. Councilman Karshner moved to have the department sign the waivers. After further discussion before a second, President Stoeckley moved to have the Town attorney consulted on the matter. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Councilman Karshner rescinded his previous motion.**

**The Council agreed by consensus to a home improvement request from Marla Hine at 298 Vine Street for an above ground pool.**

**President Stoeckley stated that DLZ had not yet provided the Town with cost estimates for High Street as well as investigating various options for the project.**

**There was significant discussion on the previously tabled sewer connect issue. Superintendent Swain stated that he had spoken with the Huntington County Health Inspector, Josh Williams just that afternoon who told Paul there “is no grandfather clause” in any State or County statute, and his recommendation and duty is to have everyone hook into the available sewer. JoAnne stated she had been told that to amend the ordinance, each individual address would need to be listed. After further discussion, President Stoeckley moved to amend the current sewer ordinance to “grandfather in” those addresses on the list within the Town limits but not yet hook into the utility on a one-time current owner basis until their systems failed or until they chose to hook in. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was approved by a 3-2 vote with Vice President Schwieterman and Councilman Young voting “no”.**

**Mr. Brian Secor next distributed a handout entitled “Roanoke Public Library – Facts and Fallacies” and read the three page document. After questions and discussion**

**regarding consolidation of the Roanoke library with Huntington, the Council set a Special Meeting with the library board on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M., C/T to advertise as appropriate.**

**Marshal Rupert gave the Police report stating that the community network program for children at the school totaled 103 kids, surpassing their goal of 75.**

**Superintendent Swain gave the utility report stating that the blockage on S. Main street the previous week was the Town's repair to fund, they had replaced the rake in the WWTP clarifier, mowed weeds at the WWTP and had repaired a curb valve on Main St. at Bippus Bank. Paul had also attended a meeting with David Koenig from Region III-A regarding updates from the senior citizen apartment complex.**

**John S. stated he had someone in mind to fill the seat on the extra territorial jurisdiction board and would report back at the next Council meeting.**

**The Council tabled employee evaluations and salary decisions that they had asked to be placed on the agenda until the next Council meeting of September 2, 2008.**

**Councilman Nick Altman stated that he had been approached by a resident who's son was collecting pop cans, funds raised to be donated to needy children. He**

**wanted to use the Town's municipal lot to collect the cans. After consideration, the Council agreed by consensus to deny the request, as maintaining the Third St. lot was very challenging as it is with the recycle trailer, trash being strewn about and the liability issue.**

**The Council agreed by consensus to a request from the local Chamber of Commerce to close Main Street from First to Second Streets on Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for a "Renaissance in Roanoke" fine arts exhibit.**

**JoAnne received a consensus from the Council also for the Fall Festival to close the typically normal streets and intersections for the event as in past years.**

**Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After question, Councilman Young moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers for \$63,021.87. Councilman Karshner seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer**  
**Council Approve:**