

June 4, 2024

Roanoke Town Council Meeting Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in accordance with this Council's rules, appropriate notices, and applicable laws. Those present from the Council were Vice President Nick Scheer, Councilman Brian Humphries, Councilwoman Terri Edmiston, and Councilwoman Tinisha Weigelt. Also, present were Town Marshal Jim Wood, Deputy Marshal Grant Baumgartner, Superintendent Aaron Popplewell and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Bonewitz. Absent were President Amanda Sands and Clerk-Treasurer Sarah Milton.

Vice President Scheer called the meeting to order, Councilwoman Edmiston motioned, Councilwoman Weigelt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Weigelt made a motion to approve the May 7, 2024 regular meeting minutes as written, Councilman Humphries seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Humphries made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of May 22, 2024, as written, Councilwoman Weigelt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Brandon Taylor spoke on the upcoming Roanoke Fireworks event stating that in the past, they have held this event on July 4th, but they were not opposed to having it on Saturday, July 6th this year as it would allow for no competition with other town's firework events if held on a day other than the July 4th. Fire Chief Taylor also asked permission to do the "wet down" off the fire truck during this event for the kids and Council agreed. Councilwoman Weigelt made a motion to hold the fireworks on Saturday, July 6th, Councilwoman Edmiston seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Roanoke Beautification Foundation member Greg Morris asked when the old gator would be turned over to RBF. Councilwoman Weigelt stated that the gator will be turned over after the new one is purchased for the town. Superintendent Popplewell stated that it will be a couple of weeks before a new one would be purchased.

Park Board President, David Meitzler, spoke on behalf of the disappointment that the park board has in what has been posted on social media regarding the tire mulch being used at the playground with the new equipment. President Meitzler reiterated that it was disheartening to work so hard to raise all the money for the project and instead of people posting about how awesome the equipment is now that it is up, they continuously post about the negative effects of the tire mulch. He pointed out that people want astroturf but don't realize that astroturf would have cost as much as it cost to buy the playground equipment. Councilman Scheer applauded President Meitzler and the entire Park Board for their hard work on getting this awesome playground equipment put in. The project will be completed by weeks end.

Town Marshall Wood stated that the police department would like to have the old mule for use on First Fridays or Farmers Market days when they need to be out and about in the community. Marshall Wood stated that they would use their budget to get new tires and tune up the mule. Councilwoman Edmiston motioned for approval for the police department to use the mule, Councilwoman Weigelt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

DLZ Division Manager Casey Erwin presented the council with updates on the wastewater projects, specifically the pump station and the lagoon. He apologized on behalf of DLZ for allowing the communication to “slip through the cracks”. He stated that they are currently waiting on the DNR permit, which should come late summer or fall. After some discussion, Mr. Erwin reiterated that bids should be finished this week, and they are resubmitting the PDR and following up on permits. He will present a formal letter to Council at the July meeting. Superintendent Popplewell gave an update regarding the utility vehicles stating that the new utility truck that was ordered in August has arrived at the dealership. Superintendent Popplewell also presented three quotes for a new truck as his current truck was involved in an accident a few weeks ago. Quotes presented were: 2021 Chevrolet Silverado \$44,595.00, 2023 Ford F150 XLT for \$41,798 and a 2022 Ford F150 XLT with partial warranty (20,000 miles) at \$37,890.00. After some discussion, Vice President Scheer motioned to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford F150 XLT with partial warranty from Crain Ford, Councilman Humphries seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. Superintendent Popplewell presented quotes for a new gator. The quotes presented were: 2023 John Deere \$15,750.00, 2024 Kubota \$16,570.03, and did not get a response from Polaris. After some discussion, Councilwoman Weigelt motioned to purchase the 2024 Kubota with full warranty for \$16,570.03, Councilwoman Edmiston seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Superintendent Popplewell stated that the materials for the sign at the new parking lot should arrive by the end of the month. Superintendent Popplewell also requested to use USI Consultants for a fee of \$5,000.00 to apply for the Highway Safety Improvement Program grant (to place street signs and flashers) through INDOT. The grant, if received would be a 90/10 match. Councilman Humphries motioned to approve paying USI \$5,000.00 from MVH to apply for this grant and Councilwoman Weigelt seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Humphries stated he and Superintendent Popplewell had decided to take out the grass at the east side of the new parking lot rather than the leaving the stones.

Vice President Scheer wanted to discuss the variance to the ordinance for how many dogs residents are allowed to have in town. Mr. Pegan, a resident, stated that since Marshal Wood had gone out and spoken with the resident on her dogs barking at all hours of the day and night, that it has gotten 100% better. Vice President Scheer stated that sometimes there are case-by-case situations and this seems to be one of those. He asked that the resident be allowed to keep her six dogs, with the understanding that when two of them die, they will not be replaced. Councilman Humphries motioned to pass this amendment to

the ordinance, Councilwoman Edmiston seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Weigelt asked that the Water Agreement that was presented by Roanoke Beautification Foundation be looked over by the town attorney and presented at a later meeting.

Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. Councilman Humphries moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable voucher of \$276,975.83 and utility adjustments of \$211.76. Councilwoman Edmiston seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Councilwoman Weigelt moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilwoman Edmiston seconded, and the motion was duly adopted.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Bonewitz, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Council Approve:






