

September 25, 2024

Roanoke Town Council Special Meeting Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in accordance with this Council's rules, appropriate notices, and applicable laws. Those present from the Council were Council President Mandy Sands, Vice President Nick Scheer, Councilman Brian Humphries, Councilwoman Tinisha Weigelt and Councilwoman Terri Edmiston. Also, present were Deputy Town Marshall Grant Baumgartner, Superintendent Aaron Popplewell and Clerk Treasurer Sarah Milton.

Vice President Scheer made a motion to approve the September 3, 2024, regular meeting minutes as written, Councilman Humphries seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Huntington County Surveyor, Jerry Meehan, was present from the Huntington County Drainage Board requesting funds to clean up the W. C. McPherron Ditch from Fourth Street to Moose and Mollies. The Amor Excavating quote was for \$35,000 - \$40,000. Councilman Humphries made a motion to use the CEDIT fund to pay 25% of the project, Councilwoman Weigelt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Baker Tilly Partner, Jeff Rowe, CPA gave a presentation of the finance options and possible rate increases relating to a new wastewater treatment plant. The rate increase on a 20-year loan ranges from \$110.19 - \$137.14, which would make the average residential monthly bill (based on 4,000 gallons) in the range of \$177.93 - \$204.88 for wastewater only. The rate increase on a 35-year loan ranges from \$83.81 - \$105.57, which would make the average residential monthly bill (based on 4,000 gallons) in the range from \$151.55 - \$173.31 for wastewater only. If the Town were awarded the READI 2.0 Grant equal to 20% of the project, the rate impact would be reduced by approximately 45%/38% respectively. The Lochmueller Group Engineer, Anthony Goodnight was also present to answer questions. After discussion, Council asked Mr. Goodnight to look briefly into regionalization and report back at the October 1, 2024 Council meeting before they make a decision on how to move forward. Mr. Goodnight stated that he will reach out to SRF, READI Grant representative and other sources before the next Council meeting.

Superintendent Popplewell requested Council to approve the financial commitment for federal funding application that requests the Federal Highway Safety Program to replace regulatory and warning signs throughout the Town in 2026. The Town of Roanoke's MVH Restricted Fund will pay the local amount of \$39,200.00 (\$9,200.00 in 2025 and \$30,000.00 in 2026) for the project. The total project cost is \$392,000.00. Councilwoman Weigelt made the motion to approve the application, President Sands seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Superintendent Popplewell requested to purchase a new street saw in the amount of \$1,529.99 from McCune's. Vice President Scheer made a motion to

allow the street saw purchase in the amount of \$1,529.99, President Sands seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Weigelt stated that Roanoke Beautification Foundation received a donation of \$7,000.00 to be used for park bleachers and asked Superintendent Popplewell to obtain quotes for the November 5, 2024 Council meeting.

Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. President Sands moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable voucher of \$158,556.32. Councilwoman Weigelt seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Milton, CIT
Sarah Milton, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Approve:

Amanda R Sands

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Terri L. Edmiston

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