

(ROLL FILM)

Roanoke Sanitations Department workers struck for an hour and 45 minutes today...then resumed their work.

(TAKE FILM)

Over 200 drivers and helpers refused to go on the job this morning until something was done about a pay raise. However a strongly worded plea from City Manager Owens sent the men back to work. Owens told the men he was required by law to fire them unless they climbed aboard the trucks. He reminded them of their obligations to wives and children.....the pension system they participate in with the city....all of which could be jeopardized if they went thru with the strike.

City Council has promised to consider the mens plight during the fall budget study....four months off. Apparently the men are now content to wait on Council.....

Owens said today he agreed that the men needed more money....but he was puzzled over where the money would come from.

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