

Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting
January 12, 2004

Councilman Ted Miller called the regular monthly meeting of the town council to order. There was a nomination of Dave Matthews as the new President of the town council. It was seconded and passed 4-0. Councilpersons present were Janet Wright, Ted Miller, Hanzel Barclay, James McKown, and David Matthews, along with Clerk/Treasurer Jack Travillian.

Additional attending persons were Greenville Water Utility Superintend Gary Getrost, town marshal David Moore, town attorney Denise Franke, utility CPA Buzz Krone, township trustee Hilda Gibson and other concerned parties.

Public hearing for rate increase was first on the agenda. President Matthews read the ordinance 2004 – 01, which raised the water rate 46 cents per thousand gallons of water to pass along rate increases that the utility has been absorbing from the wholesalers that supply Greenville Water Utility. Buzz Krone gave a presentation explaining the need for the increase and informed the council about the following information - The minimum bill will increase \$1.15 and the average increase to household will be between \$2.00 and \$2.50 per month. Motion was made and seconded and floor was open for questions and comments. Ramona Thompson questioned how much her monthly bill would increase and was told she would be included in the average category. No further questions and the motion was voted on and passed 4-0. Ordinance 2004 – 01 was approved.

President Matthews read ordinance concerning the Meador property, the motion was tabled as Trustee Gibson informed the council that the property had been sold during tax auction. Ms. Franke will follow up on status of the property and the council will discuss options again next month.

Status of Theineman subdivision was discussed and tabled after no change had been listed on beginning of construction. Status of possible additional water supply was also tabled when superintendent Getrost inform council that there had been no pipelines connections made at this time.

New Town Council Areas of Responsibility – Streets and repairs were assigned to James McKown, Public Relations was assigned to Janet Wright, Water Company Relations was assigned to Ted Miller, Zoning was assigned to Dave Matthews, and police department relations was given to Hanzel Barclay.

President Matthews pointed out that our agenda should be set at least 10 days prior to the meetings and anyone not listed on the agenda will not be allow to call for a vote on any issue or ordinance. This is following rules that were setup in previous sessions but never enforced.

The minutes of the town board meetings should be posted on the Website for Greenville within a few weeks.

Contract renewal for the Greenville Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire protection was mentioned, and Hilda Gibson made a brief statement about the tax rate for the town not being adequate and fair compared to surrounding area. The council voted 4 - 0 for the ordinance to pay \$8,000 for fire protection and would try to seek additional funding in the future. Mrs. Gibson also pointed out that there needs to be better communications between the town council and the Floyd County Auditor's office because of lost revenue from new buildings in the town.

William Koehler from Floyd County Parks and Recreation Department gave the council and overview of a 5-year plan for the Greenville Park. A Senior Center is being discussed and there will be new small children playground build to replace the tennis court, which will be removed this summer.

Town Marshal David Moore gave reports listing the status of federal grant for his employment as still pending. He also encouraged the council to pass an ordinance to allow Floyd County Animal Control officers to enforce the county statue on dog lease law. Ms. Franke will try to get a copy of Georgetown's letter and advise the council on our rights and duties involved.

Snow removal contract was discussed and councilman McKown was to review our current contract and pursue any changes that he would be in the town's best interest.

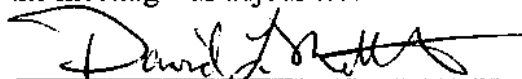
Marshal Moore requested appointment to the Emergency Management for Floyd County as a representative of Greenville. Council agreed with no vote needed or called for.

Water Utility issues – it was brought back to the council's attention that the secretary Amy Stone had been pursuing different employment because of salary issues. The council made a motion to bring Ms. Stone's salary up to similar scale as the former secretary and this is in line with other municipalities in the area. The amendment was passed 4-0 (Ordinance 2003-T-031).

Superintend Getrost gave a report on water uses and purchases for the previous 2 years (2002 – 2003).

Finance report was given and approved. Treasurer Travillian also made a request to look into upgrading the current computer system for the Water Utility. He will follow up with at least three bids on new software and computers to bring the system up to date.

No further business coming before the Council the meeting was adjourned.



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Council