

**Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting**  
**August 9, 2004**

President Dave Matthews called the regular monthly meeting to order. Councilpersons present were Janet Wright, Hanzel Barclay, Mark Trail, Joey Receveur and Dave Matthews, along with Clerk Jack Travillian. Also attending the meeting were Greenville Water Utility Superintendent Gary Getrost, town marshal Dave Moore, town attorney Denise Franke and other concerned citizens. Minutes were read and approved, J. Receveur made the motion and J. Wright seconded. (Motion passed 4-0)

**Old Business:**

The seasonal account ordinance (2004-W-36) was read for final approval. The ordinance establishes descriptions for labeling customers, residential, commercial, or seasonal. It also establishes rates for deposit on seasonal accounts. Motion was made by H. Barclay and seconded by M. Trail, (passed 4-0).

Transfer of funds ordinance: The council was made aware of the need to transfer funding into appropriate accounts due to the additional cost of office materials (computers) and fuel for the marshal's patrol car since it is now being used full time. In addition funding is needed for the new advisory commission. Motion was made by councilman J. Wright and seconded by M. Trail (Passed 4-0).

Councilman Trail reported on the parking lot striping. He proposed that the lot first be sealed and then striped. He is accepting bids for the job and will be handling the details.

Town Festival has been canceled for this year Councilwoman Wright reported. She noted that the festival is in need of additional workers and board members.

**New Business:**

Floyd County Animal Control has requested that Greenville provide a letter authorizing them to enter town to collect dead or stray animals.

Dr. Rene Wingerter was present at the meeting and explained that without this letter she believes that animal control cannot do their jobs properly. She provided a copy of an unsigned Georgetown agreement. She also explained that the monetary amount was not important, the main purpose is to get better legal standings about providing service. It was mentioned that Greenville had always received service before and she noted that a new ordinance establishing the board had left incorporated towns off intentionally because the county council had no legal rights to enter into a contract for our town council. Dr. Wingerter pointed out that with more density in population there is always more contact with animals therefore a greater need for services. This agreement will be reviewed by the board and our attorney before approval will be granted.

Attorney Franke advised that buying of property for possible construction of a new water tower was set under the same rules and regulation as any purchase. As long as the monetary value is under \$25,000 the property may be purchased without the State-

required estimate of value. President Matthews asked Ms. Franke to look at laws governing the use of road right-of-ways as parking (how much road right of way is required?).

Budget is still pending and Clerk Travillian supplied each councilperson with a copy of proposed expenditures for 2005. He also provided a copy of budget for the Water Utility that he had presented to Superintendent Getrost earlier. There will be a budget committee meeting on August 30, 2004 at 7:00 PM at town hall.

Public Relations: Councilwoman Wright has begun process of getting yards in compliance along with following up on having abandon vehicles removed. She asked that anyone having knowledge of any violations please let her know as soon as possible.

Benefits for town employees: The council was made aware of problems with benefits provided to the town marshal. The cost is higher than budgeted and there will be a shortfall. It was recommended by Clerk Travillian to remove the Marshal from the Water Utility policy and put him on a family plan of his own with higher deductibles, motion made by J. Wright and seconded by J. Receveur, it passed 4-0. Clerk Travillian will handle the details.

An annual review of employee's records revealed that the council needs an update on the work status of an employee who has been on disability for over a year. Superintendent Getrost has been asked to write a letter to obtain the status from the employee's physician about future work related abilities.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Streets and Roads -- Councilman Trail reported that the gravel still has not been spread but should be done soon. There is a resident requesting the removal of a dead tree from an easement of a road. He has reviewed the situation and will recommend that the citizen contact CINergy because of power lines overhead.

The repairs that have been completed on West Second have fixed the major drop off on road right of way. Citizen Butch Richardson noted that if the town plans to run the water down to the creek that borders his property the council should make an effort to contact all neighbors before such projects are started. He brought the drainage problems of the creek to the attention of the board. Councilman Trail will review and make recommendation about how best to help the poor drainage situation south of Harrison Street.

Law Enforcement Department -- Discussion of Greenville Police policies. The council reviewed the Inventory of Vehicles policy, it appears to be adequate and it was recommended that this be added to a Standard Operation Procedure Manual being written for approval by council. This is section three of the manual. Council accepted recommendation.

Marshal Moore presented a letter, which he is sending to the local newspapers about the contributions of the Greenville Township Volunteer Fire Department to this community.

**Planning and Zoning Department:** President Matthews noted that the new planning board has a notebook on file at town hall with all the update records of the suggested ordinances. The Floyd County Planning Board will have a meeting on August 16, 2004 for anyone who is interested.

**Water Utility Report:** Superintendent Getrost asked to be reimbursed for the funds that the Water Utility paid for Marshal Moore during the past month. Clerk Travillian pointed out that the disbursements were listed on the expenditures to be paid with the approval of the board.

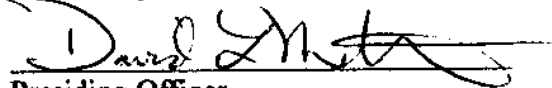
Water losses are running at about 30 percent and should be quite lower somewhere around 15 percent. Superintendent Getrost will be replacing some major users' meters that may be failing. Hopefully this will improve the situation.

Attorney Franke recommended to the board that <sup>Getrost</sup> she should contact IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) about what rules and regulations are required for the operation of the Water Utility and to get those in writing, if possible.

**Water Company:** - Adjustments for monthly billing were reviewed.

**Financial:** Review of checks and expenditures for the month.

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

  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Council