

Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting February 10th, 2014

Council President Talbotte Richardson called the regular monthly meeting to order. Other Councilpersons present were Greg Redden, Bob Wright, and Patti Hayes along with Clerk Jack Travillian. Also attending the meeting were Water Superintendent Gary Getrost, Deputy Superintendent Schmidt and several concerned citizens. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Avery followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes for January 13th regular meeting and January 21th special meeting were discussed. Motion was made by Councilman Redden and seconded by Councilman Wright to accept the proposed minutes. Motion passed 2-0-2 with no changes. Voting for the motion were Councilman Redden and Wright, abstaining were President Richardson and Councilwoman Hayes.

Marshal Report:

The Marshal's report was given by Marshal Burkhardt. Marshal Burkhardt informed the council about training that Lt. Moore and the Chief Burkhardt attended last month. The Marshal requested the council pay for an upcoming training session that will be held at the end of March for approximately \$400. A motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Redden to pay for this with the Travel account in the General Fund. Motion passed 4-0.

Marshal Burkhardt is cutting back on the number of reserve officers. The letters have been prepared and be sent before the end of the week, this will help cut cost for the department. Councilman Redden requested an executive meeting to be held regarding the marshal's salary. President Richardson stated that he would let the council consider a letter the council received before setting a date.

Financial:

Review/Approval Checks and Expenditures: Clerk Travillian presented the forms for the checks written from the utility and the town. The checks were approved without objections.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Roads:

President Richardson noted that he had requested street plowing and salting on key roads for the latest storm that left ice and snow on local streets. Steven Schmidt noted that the State of Indiana has placed a hold on salt distribution as a state of emergency so the town was having trouble getting salt and had to use sand in the spreader.

Utility Business:

Superintendent Getrost gave the monthly adjustment report. The council accepted the adjustments without comment.

President Richardson gave a report he prepared about water purchases verses water sales. He noted a change that the council may consider is charging for fire department uses to insurance companies.

Superintendent Getrost reported that the antenna used to keep our tank automatically filling had frozen and busted due to the inclimate weather. The council noted that this should be covered by some type of warranty relating to the relative age of the system (put in last fall).

Deputy Superintendent Schmidt noted that with the installation of the new retro read meters the council may need to pass some additional rules to restrict tampering with the meters. Suggestions include requiring an after meter turn off for each customer (in home). The council also should consider some type of penalty or fine for tampering.

Deputy Superintendent Schmidt presented the council with a renewal contract for the maintenance agreement for running the Heritage Springs Wastewater Treatment plant. The contract will keep the cost level at the present rate for the next 12 months. The council voted 4-0 to enter into the agreement that will need to be signed by President Richardson.

Deputy Superintendent Schmidt requested scrapping of two old pumps located in the storage garage. The council voted 4-0 to have the pumps sold or scrapped which ever method gets the most money.

The State of Indiana now requires no lead in connections to water service, therefore Schmidt requested a new storage bin unit, to keep items separate. The council stated this should be covered by normal everyday operations and does not require their approval.

Deputy Superintendent Schmidt requested that Clerk Travillian remove and destroy some older records from the storage room in the basement. Clerk Travillian noted that there is several steps to destroying records and requested that Deputy Clerk Amy Stone begin the process. Noting that it has been 7 years since the last purge.

The council requested that Clerk Travillian close the Bond and Interest Account at Harrison County Bank and transfer the funds to the Water Utility Operating Fund Account along with transferring the Special Fund Account funds to pay for the Orion Reading Software (ORS). Motion was made by Councilwoman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion passed 4-0. Clerk Travillian will prepare the ordinance.

President Richardson set up a special committee to research any wrong doing from last month's hiring of the additional employees for the Greenville Municipal Water and Sewage Utility. This is in response to the complaint during the special meeting held on January 21, 2014. The committee will include Councilman Wright, Councilwoman Hayes and Lt. Moore from the Greenville Marshal's Department.

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

Next Monthly Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on March 10th, 2014.

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