

Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting May 10th, 2010

Council President Talbotte Richardson called the regular monthly meeting to order. Other Councilpersons present were Bob Wright, James Pearce, Patti Hayes and Randal Johnes, along with Clerk Jack Travillian. Also attending the meeting were Water Utility Superintendent Gary Getrost, town attorney Rick Fox, and other concerned citizens. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Avery followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The April 12th minutes were discussed with a couple of amendments. Councilman Wright made a motion and Councilman Johnes seconded to accept after amendments. Motion passed 5-0. Motion was made by Councilman Johnes and seconded by President Richardson to accept the April 19th special meeting minutes.

Confirming Resolution: Confirming Resolution 2010-R-024 was signed by President Richardson. **ADDITIONAL FUNDS NECESSARY FOR LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THE GREENVILLE MARSHAL DEPARTMENT.**

Marshal's Report:

The marshal's department has written 61 traffic tickets in the past month with 14 parking tickets. Theft cases are up with one breaking and entering. The thefts include scrap materials. The police are suggesting installation of cameras with better lighting. The officers will be attending law updates about this current year's changes. The clerk has received the first payment for tickets from the County Treasurer.

Water Business:

Superintendent Getrost submitted monthly adjustments to the council. The board approved the adjustments for the bills without objection.

Superintendent Getrost is working on a list of locations in need of new hydrants and should have it ready for next month's meeting.

The inventory list should be completed within a few weeks.

Hydraulic Study: Jacobi, Tomes, & Lanz has given Councilman Johnes a letter to support the storage requirements necessary for the Water Utility Water Storage Tanks. This letter will be used in the grant request to the State of Indiana

Financial:

Review/Approval Checks and Expenditures: Clerk Travillian presented the forms for the checks written from the utility and the town.

Councilman Johnes requested the fund report be adjusted to show corrected balances in the Motor Vehicle Fund and Roads and Street Fund.

Councilwoman Hayes questioned about the payment for the hydraulic study. Superintendent Getrost stated that the requested letter about storage capacity had been completed for the grant request therefore the payment should be sent. The council agreed.

President Richardson made a statement about the use of "Unanimous Consent". It is used so an ordinance can be considered for three readings in one night therefore having the matter decided in one meeting. The first reading must be unanimous and then if a councilperson doesn't agree they may vote against in next reading.

Committee Reports

Streets & Roads

Clark Street Project: President Richardson stated that Floyd County is under budget restraints this year and there wouldn't be any funds available for the Clark Street Project. Councilman Johnes stated he was still going to attend the Floyd County Commissioners meeting to present our request since we are already scheduled to speak.

Parkland Heights: Councilman Pearce he had not received a complaint from Mrs. Miller. Councilman Pearce requested the council consider adding a swale for assisting to keep water from running down her drive from the neighbors across the roadway and flooding her garage.

Harrison Street Alley: A resident is requesting the council review a sink hole that seems to be growing on the alleyway on the eastern section of her property on Harrison Street.

Wind Dance: Council President Richardson and Councilman Wright look into the drainage issue on the east side of the main entrance. The council agreed with Council President Richardson and Councilman Wright this is on private property and not the town's responsibility.

Property Cleanups:

Several properties are in need of mowing including the property located at the corner of Voyles Road and Clark Street.

ORDINANCE 2010-M-022 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF MARSHAL'S DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY MEMBER AND CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE. INDIANA MARSHAL DEPARTMENT Second reading of the ordinance was completed. Motion was made by Councilman Wright and seconded by President Richardson to accept as written. Motion passed 3-2. Councilman Johnes voted nay, Councilwoman Hayes voted nay, Councilman Pearce voted yes, President Richardson vote yes, and Councilman Wright voted yes. Motion was made by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Pearce to accept as written. Motion passed, vote was 3-2 with Councilman Johnes and Councilwoman Hayes opposing.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO SPEAK:

Property in 9900 Block of Highway 150: Citizen Donnie Perkins appeared before the council and requested a variance for constructing a pole garage. Mr. Perkins stated that he had a permit from the health department for construction on the single use property. The council asked what assurances they have that the property will not be turned into commercial use. The resident stated he was planning on using the property the same as he always did. The next question was about placing sidewalks along side of property. Discussion was held about why the building wasn't built on the existing foundation. The resident stated that the expansion was needed in order to fit all the equipment that is needed to do the remodeling of classic autos. The question was raised about being commercial or not. If it is commercial there would need to be a State of Indiana approval because all businesses must have a state design approval.

The council asked why the resident had not gotten approval. The resident was reminded that he had gotten the ordinances sent to him previously. The resident denied having requested the information via e-mail. The council noted that the property had been zoned as multi use and therefore could be used as commercial or residential. President Richardson stated that he was opposed on the grounds that he felt it would be taking a step backwards after working so hard to get the ordinances in place. Town Attorney Fox stated the council could grant an exception if they used exact language about the reasons for granting any variances. The council stated that the next step would be for Mr. Perkins to write a request for variance and present it to the council. The council asked what assurance that will be given about bringing the property into compliance with the variance being granted. Mr. Perkins stated this is what the council has been asking him to do for quite some time, get all of his equipment and vehicles out of sight.

Council President Richardson stated that the council needs to consider an ordinance about parking on sidewalks and also traffic cutting through parking lots to avoid long waits.

Terry Striha of 8969 Highway 150 has purchased the adjacent property at 9101 Highway 150 and is converting it into a (RV) recreational vehicle and boat storage area with buildings to be constructed. Mr. Striha submitted a plot plan for the development to the council. A Verbal Resolution was made by Councilman Johnes and seconded by President Richardson approving the use of the property in accordance with the plot plan submitted. Mr. Striha is required to obtain a design approval from the Department of Homeland Security and a letter of allowance from the Floyd County Health Department. These shall be submitted to the Greenville Town Clerk prior to beginning construction. No time limit was set for the start of construction. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Striha requested that the council start the process of annexation for his property at 8969 Highway 150 into the town limits. Motion was made by Councilman Johnes and seconded by President Richardson to start the process. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Next Monthly Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on June 14th, 2010.

PRESIDING OFFICER
TOWN OF GREENVILLE, INDIANA


TALBOTTE RICHARSON

ATTESTED:


JACK TRAVILLIAN
CLERK / TREASURER