

Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting March 08th, 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 by the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer.

Minutes: President Richardson made a motion and Councilman Johnes seconded to accept the February 8th monthly minutes as amended by Councilman Johnes. Motion passed 5-0. Motion was made by Councilman Johnes and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to accept the amended February 22 minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

Marshal's Report:

The marshal's department has written 51 traffic tickets in the past month, up slightly due to stronger enforcement of the new 35 MPH speed limit. The department has been responding to speeding complaints on Schuler Road. The department has written 11 parking tickets during this same period. The mandatory training for our police officers has been completed except for the firing range, which will be completed with all officers, including reserves on April 11.

Marshal Moore and Deputy Burkhart attended an Indianapolis training session offered by Indiana Drug Enforcement Agency. The officers also completed the "field sobriety test" class and are now certified to administer the test.

Marshal Moore is researching forming an auxiliary officers unit to provide help with on site tasks, such as picking up supplies when units are on long term stations, such as automobile accidents.

Floyd County Sheriff's Department has applied for funding to purchase new radio equipment for all units.

Water Business:

Superintendent Getrost submitted monthly adjustments to the council. The board approved the adjustments for the bills (5-0).

Hydraulic Study: Jacobi, Tomes, & Lanz had two engineers present at the monthly meeting to give an update on the hydraulic study for the service area of the Greenville Municipal Water Utility. The study is about 70% complete and should be completed within a month. The engineers presented the council with preliminary finds and numbers. They explained how the numbers were collected and how the information was vital for completing an accurate assessment of the system.

Deputy Superintendent Steven Schmidt has completed the GPS training for the ESRI mapping system. Superintendent Getrost believes this training has helped with the understanding and cooperation with the new software on the office computers.

Pumping Station: The pumping station in Galena has been on hold pending the Hydraulic Study and will continue when study is complete.

Extraordinary Adjustment: A customer, Jamie McKown, appeared before the council requesting further reduction of a large leak bill. The council reviewed the amount of adjust already granted by previous ordinance. McKown asked the council to consider that there had been no water usage for around 5 years and he had been paying a monthly minimum fee through out that time. The council does empathize with the owner; however the council does believe the adjustment should remain in place with no extra exception. The vote was 1 in favor of delaying decision on adjustment until April meeting and 4 against.

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 electronic version of the passed budget for 2010 be sent to him from the clerk's office on Feb. 8th through e-mail. He still has not received the copy. This should be done within a reasonable time.

Special Meeting: Councilman Johnes requested a special meeting be scheduled to review pages 58-77 of the building code ordinance. The meeting was set for March 22 at 7:00 PM at the town hall.

Committee Reports

Emergency Services:

Councilman Wright requested the council to review possible purchases of new protection vests for the Greenville Marshal Department. The marshal stated vests do have a shelf life and that the current vests are approaching suggested removal from service date.

Public Relations:

Councilwoman Hayes has responded by letter to a written complaint. Most of the council has reviewed and approved the wording of that information.

Property Clean-up:

There has been a complaint registered about the property at the corner of Highway150 and West 2nd Street. Councilman Pearce will be working with President Richardson on this matter. Clerk Travillian will get copies of current ordinances pertaining to the property and present a copy to Councilman Pearce.

The Tush property on Highway 150 needs additional cleanup and Councilman Pearce will try to handle personally.

A complaint has been registered with a councilman about the tree limbs on Highway 150 at Parkland Heights. The Indiana Department of Transportation does maintenance of this area and has already been contacted.

Special Projects:

Councilman Johnes has received estimates of additional coverage for \$75,000 of life insurance for Superintendent Getrost for a cost of \$724 per year, or \$805 for \$100,000 of coverage.

Councilman Johnes requested that Clerk Travillian contact Farm Bureau Insurance about an estimate for vehicle insurance for the town and Water Utility Vehicles.

A letter received by the council advised of a home to be demolished on Bradford Road. The Branham home, at 9908 Bradford Road, will be torn down some time soon. The council noted that no permits were required but would like to applaud the home owner for keeping the council informed.

Councilman Johnes noted that a meeting with INDOT and the Floyd County Planner is scheduled for March 15th to look at fixing the intersection at Schuler Rd. and US 150 in Greenville. He requested that President Richardson and Town Marshal Moore attend.

Resolution 2010-R-008 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE USE OF LAND LOCKED PROPERTIES FOR STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, INDIANA; Resolution was read and discussed.

A motion was made by President Richardson and seconded by Councilman Johnes to accept the resolution. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2010-W-010 ORDINANCE CONCERNING CHARGES FOR EXCESSIVE SERVICE RUNS AND N.S.F. POLICY FOR THE GREENVILLE WATER UTILITY GREENVILLE, INDIANA; First reading of the ordinance was completed and motion was made for unanimous consent by President Richardson and seconded by Councilman Johnes as amended. Motion passed 5-0. Second reading was completed. Councilman Wright made a motion to accept the ordinance with amendments and seconded by President Richardson. Motion passed 5-0. Third reading was completed. A motion was made by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to accept the ordinance with amendments. 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 April 12th, 2010.

JACK TRAVILLIAN
CLERK / TREASURER

PRESIDING OFFICER
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