

**Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Vice President Randal Johnes called the regular monthly meeting to order. Councilpersons present were Bob Wright, Patti Hayes, and Randal Johnes, along with Clerk Jack Travillian. Also attending the meeting was Water Utility Superintendent Gary Getrost, Town Attorney Rick Fox, and other concerned citizens.

Vice President Johnes opened the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was being held by candle light and flashlight due to the severe weather that had electricity off throughout the town.

Councilman Johnes stated because of the emergency situation unless there was an objection he suggested that the agenda for Sept. meeting be suspended until the Oct. meeting. He suggested that the only business to be conducted would be financial and the budget. No objection was raised.

Special commendation were offered for Councilman Wright, Marshal Burkhardt and Deputy Marshal Wisman for a job well done clearing US 150 and Volyes Road and keeping traffic flowing. Councilwoman Hayes thanked Wright for cutting up the trees blocking Beechwood Drive in Parkland Heights, without this help she would still be driving through neighbor's yards to get into her home.

**Water Business:**

A special commendation should also go to Superintendent Getrost for responding to the emergency quickly and getting a generator for Edwardsville Water Utility to run the main supply pumping station.

Getrost updated the council on the critical water supply situation. The tanks are full; however the main supplier was getting their water from Indiana American, which this afternoon requested Edwardsville to shut off connection due to running at only 60% of normal capacity. Edwardsville Water Utility supplies approximately 80% of Greenville's usage. Getrost will keep the council updated.

Getrost contacted the local media to request that people conserve on their water usage at this time.

Getrost stated that a state of emergency had been declared in Floyd County. Jack stated that he was following the counties rules when a state of emergency is declared.

**Financial:**

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

Clerk Travillian requested Water Clerk Stone start processing monthly checks manually first thing on Tuesday morning. When First Harrison Bank re-opens the deposit must be

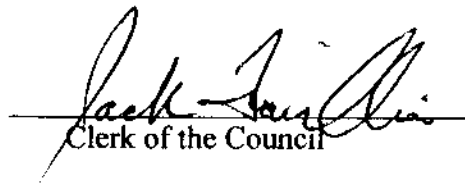
a priority due to IC code requiring 48 hour turn-around on all monies, even when a state of emergency exist. Superintendent Getrost will contact Amy first thing Tuesday morning to arrange her schedule.

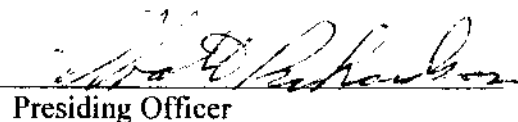
The council requested that Atty. Fox research the IC code requiring a 48 hour turn-around on deposits when a state of emergency is in affect. Then the council will know in the future what is required by the state law if this was to happen again. With no power all water company and town business will have to be done manually.

**2009 Budget:** Clerk Travillian reviewed his recommendation for the 2009 town budget. The council made some adjustments and requested additional funding for the police department including a pay increase for the Deputy Marshal. Clerk Travillian suggested amending the salary ordinance to give the deputy an increase this year but also eliminating the second deputy position to cover the cost. The council requested an ordinance be drafted for next meeting consideration. The council also requested an additional meeting before finalization on September 25. The proposed budget included a property tax increase that the council opposed. The council requested that Jack see where we could reduce spending to prevent this tax increase. A special meeting will be held on Monday September 22 at 7:00 PM to review the options to reduce spending.

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

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Council

  
Presiding Officer