

## **Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting February 08<sup>th</sup>, 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. Marshal Moore opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** President Richardson made a motion and Councilman Wright seconded to accept the January 10<sup>th</sup> monthly minutes. Motion passed 4-0 with Councilman Johnes abstaining.

### **Marshal's Report:**

The past month's snow storm caused several automobile accidents for response of the marshal's department. The marshal's department has written 31 traffic tickets in the past month.

Marshal Moore and Deputy Burkhart will be attending an Indianapolis training session offered by Indiana Drug Enforcement Agency. By attending the officers will become eligible for line of duty insurance. Sellersburg will be offering a reserve officer academy that two of Greenville's reservists have signed up to attend.

### **Water Business:**

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

Hydraulic Study: Superintendent Getrost met with an engineer from Jacobi, Tomes, & Lanz for a hydraulic study for the service area of the Greenville Municipal Water Utility. The study should be ready by March 8, 2010.

Superintendent Getrost reported about a substantial leak that occurred at a vacant home on Highway 150. The home owner chose not to disconnect when moving to different home. The council request instructions about placing a lien against property, but agreed that this should be treated like any other customer.

Superintendent Getrost requested permission to turn off any customer service that pays a bill with a bad check. The council agreed that bad checks represent no payment at all; therefore it is appropriate to shut off without further warning.

**Financial:**

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

Clerk Travillian read two Resolutions for consideration for passage by the Council;

1. Cancellation of Warrants – Old Outstanding Checks dated February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Motion was made by Councilman Wright and Seconded by Councilman Johnes to accept Resolution as read. Resolution passed 5-0.
2. Cancellation of Bad Debts dated December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Motion was made by Councilman Johnes and Seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to accept Resolution as read. Resolution passed 5-0.

**Committee Reports:****Council President Richardson:**

President Richardson asked Town Attorney Fox if the town could bill a land owner for services provided by our Marshal's Department. The department did 10 hours of traffic control after a property owner cut down a tree that fell into power lines, blocking Highway 150 at Cross Street. Attorney Fox advised that it should be within the town's rights to bill for services. The town should send bill for time of officers and supplies used (flares).

Council President Richardson requested a special meeting be scheduled to review pages 36-57 of the building code ordinance. The meeting scheduled for last month did not have the three required councilpersons present to hold the meeting. The council agreed to a date of February 22 at 7:00 PM.

President Richardson reminded the council that now is the time to be fiscally responsible because of uncertainty of continued funding by property taxes.

Council President Richardson informed the Council that the Marshal Moore has requested a lowering of salary with the remaining money being used to pay for life insurance and to increase salary for Detective Burkhart. Councilman Johnes is not sure about the new position and will be checking with the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Indiana. Councilman Johnes will be meeting with Councilman Wright about Ordinances and Resolutions to set salaries, benefits and the creation of the position of Detective for the Marshal Department.

**Emergency Services: Councilman Wright**

The Marshal's Department requested membership dues to join the National Reserve Law Officer Association for \$45 per member. The Councilman Johnes stated that the funds were already available in the Police Training fund.

**Streets and Roads: Council President Richardson**

Councilman Johnes stated Surveying of Clark Street will be completed by the end of the month. Councilman Johnes will be setting up a bid package for the project.

**Property Clean-up: Councilman Pearce**

There has been a complaint registered about the property at the corner of Highway 150 and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Clerk Travillian stated the resident has not presented the council with the required business registry from last year. Councilman Pearce will be working with President Richardson on this matter.

**Special Projects: Councilman Johnes**

Attorney Fox has completed writing an ordinance for compliance with Indiana Code IC 8 – 1.5 3-3, IC 8-1.5-3-3{a} 2 and IC 36-9-2-14. The Ordinance was introduced and read by Councilman Johnes

**Ordinance 2010-T-001 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A WATER UTILITY BY THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, INDIANA.**

First reading of the ordinance was completed and motion made for unanimous consent by Council President Richardson and seconded by Councilman Johnes to accept the Ordinance as read. Motion passed 5-0. Second reading was completed. Councilman Johnes made a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Hayes to accept the Ordinance as read. Motion passed 5-0. Third reading was completed. A motion was made by Council President Richardson and seconded by Councilman Johnes to accept the ordinance as read. Motion passed 5-0.

A Verbal Resolution was made by Councilman Johnes and Seconded by Councilman Wright to further confirm all previous Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the Greenville Town Board / Council concerning the Greenville Water Utility. Motion passed 5-0

Councilman Johnes postponed the previously scheduled meeting for Federal Grants for the Water Utility with State Representative Robertson and River Hills. The meeting should be scheduled when the hydraulic study is completed.

Councilman Johnes questioned Clerk Travillian about having Amy Stone attesting documents. Councilman Johnes has contacted the State Board of Accounts confirm the deputy clerk could do this, however Clerk Travillian has only sworn Amy Stone in as the Water Utility Clerk not deputy. Clerk Travillian stated that is what he was instructed to do. Councilman Johnes stated the intention of the council was to have Mrs. Stone as the Greenville Deputy Clerk in case of Clerk Travillian's absence. Clerk Travillian will do that as soon as possible.

Councilman Johnes questioned Water Superintendent Getrost about the inventory process he had been instructed to do previously. Superintendent Getrost stated that the process had begun last week.

Councilman Johnes requested that any Certificate of Deposit (CDs) that the town or water company had available for renewal be cashed out when they are ready for renewal due to the low interest rates that are available.

Councilman Johnes will be meeting with Indiana Department of Transportation representative Ed Cox and Floyd County Planner Don Lopp on February 15 at 2:00 PM about the Schuler Road and Highway 150 intersection. The Marshal's Department has been tracking vehicles trying to beat traffic by going down the side street at an unsafe speed.

Upon reviewing the Clark Street Project, Councilman Johnes believes the Road Fund is not showing the correct balance. Clerk Travillian stated the balance is the current balance passed by the 2010 budget. Councilman Johnes questioned what became of the CD cashed out last October. Clerk Travillian stated it was in the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund and the Roads and Street Fund however it had not been designated to what purposed it should be used. Councilman Johnes stated that Clerk Travillian had been instructed to put all the \$15,000 into paving accounts. \$10,000.00 into Local Roads and Streets under Streets and Alleys and \$5,000.00 into Motor Vehicle Highways under Streets and Alleys when CD was cashed out last October.

Superintendent Getrost presented the council with the December 2009 hourly timesheets showing the amount of hours spent on town business by the Greenville Water Utility Staff. Councilman Johnes made a Verbal Resolution that was Seconded by Council President Richardson to reimburse the water utility \$187.60 from the Riverboat Account as Contract Labor. Resolution passed 5-0.

### **Other Subjects:**

President Richardson made the council aware that he had been approached by a resident on the north side of Clark Street wanting to bring in a mobile home to remodel in his driveway. The council denied the request because the location is Zoned Residential where this remodeling would be taking place.

Attorney Fox made the council aware of papers that he had reviewed while looking for the incorporation documents that were setting up a sewer district passed back in 1978. Some of the council was aware of the previous attempt.

Superintendent Getrost reminded the council that any time the Water Utility Office is to be closed due to weather or other reasons it should go through with his approval.

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

Next Monthly Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

PRESIDING OFFICER  
TOWN OF GREENVILLE, INDIANA

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TALBOTTE RICHARSON

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JACK TRAVILLIAN  
CLERK / TREASURER