

Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting

President Greg Redden called the regular monthly meeting to order. Other Councilpersons present were, Andy Lemon, David Gomes, Keith Johnson and Darryl Kepley along with Clerk Jack Travillian. Also attending the meeting were Utility Superintendent Steven Schmitt, Town Attorney Heather Peters, Police Chief Craig and several concerned citizens. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Citizen Bill Burkhart followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes for February 12th regular meeting were discussed. Motion was made by Councilman Lemon and seconded by President Redden to accept the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

Law Enforcement Report:

Police Chief Craig reported that one of the Dodge Charger needs its motor replacement. Dodge has agreed to replace under warranty with a \$250 deductible. Motion was made by President Redden and seconded by Councilman Johnson to pay for the repairs from the Rainy Day Fund. Chief Craig also noted that there is some maintenance needed for both the Crown Vic and other Charger. The council agreed to pay for these also from the Rainy Day Fund.

Financial:

Review/Approval Checks and Expenditures: Clerk Travillian presented the forms for the checks written from the utilities and the town. The checks were accepted without objection. The monthly reconciling review for January 2017 was accepted. Motion made by President Redden and seconded by Councilman Lemon. Motion passed 5-0

Committee Reports:

Emergency Services:

Councilman Gomes requested a petty cash fund of \$100 be established for the Greenville Police Department. Clerk Travillian noted that in order for the funds to be replaced all invoices with receipts must be turned into the office.

There will be a fund raiser for emergency services by the Kelly Murphy Circus.

Streets & Roads:

Councilman Lemon has been working with INDOT and they have agreed to remove 11 No Parking signs along Highway 150 and will be placing a new Greenville Park sign along with Indiana Heritage Pathway signs on each end of town.

Councilman Lemon is requesting a pothole blitz to repair streets and alleys. Councilman Kepley will get an estimate on cost for the repairs.

Councilman Johnson request some signs be repaired or replaced along Harrison Street.

Special Projects:

Councilman Lemon has been working with the Floyd County Council about the Riverboat Funding. Currently the Greenville is receiving 2%, he would like to have that increased to 10% with a cap of \$40,000 per year.

Councilman Lemon reported that he has raised \$750 by fund raisers to purchase the new Welcome sign for West bound traffic. The cost will be totally covered by donations.

The PASER walk through was completed last week by HWC and council members. Councilman Kepley asked if culverts could be covered by the matching funds. Councilman Lemon stated most any construction including sidewalks was covered.

Town Attorney:

Attorney Peters has presented our bid for Heritage Springs Sewage Plant first right of refusal on the adjacent property for \$19,000. The property owner wants \$40,000 but could not present an appraisal. The council may move forward with a court order.

Attorney Peters is in contact with Floyd County Animal Control and is researching if these services may be covered by the Inter-Local Agreement with Floyd County.

New Business:

The council was presented with a contract for an on-call engineer. After a discussion the council decided to have locked in rates in place it was prudent to sign. The council voted 5-0 to accept the contract.

Stellar Communities:

Jill Saegesser from River Hills covered a community report listing priorities to pursue funding for grants. Councilman Kepley requested moving Stormwater Development from a C importance up to the A group, which she agreed to do. Most, but not all grants are tied to per capita earnings for each household.

Utility Business:

Superintendent Schmitt present the adjustment report. The council accepted the adjustments without comment. There was 4 or 5 major leaks and the loss rate was the highest on record for recent months.

Superintendent Schmitt requested hiring a recent applicant, however he would like to start the new hire at an increase salary of \$18 per hour. This is to keep the pay competitive with similar experience. President Redden made a motion and Councilman Lemon seconded the proposed salary. Motion passed 5-0. The council requested a new contract be written by town attorney Peters to require 1 year employment or pay back of training and vaccination cost, which is expensive, for early termination of the contract.

Superintendent Schmitt request allowing the current full-time employee to continue as a part-time worker, if he agrees. The council accepted the recommendation.