

Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting
January 9, 2006

President Talbotte Richardson called the regular monthly meeting to order. Councilpersons present were Hanzel Barclay, Janet Wright, David Moore, Dave Matthews and President Talbotte Richardson, along with Clerk Jack Travillian. Also attending the meeting was Town Attorney Rick Fox, Greenville Water Utility Superintendent Gary Getrost and other concerned citizens.

Chaplain Mark Avery was introduced by Councilwomen Wright and opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes were read and approved. D. Moore made the motion and J. Wright seconded. (Motion passed 5-0)

Election of Officers for 2006:

Nomination of David Moore for Vice President of the council was made by T. Richardson seconded by D. Moore. No other nominations were made. Vote was cast 3-2 in favor of the nomination.

Water Business:

Water Contract: The contract with Indiana American Water Company is under review from Ramsey Water. Attorney Marcus Burgher IV has request different language regarding loss of clients for Ramsey Water.

Adjustments: There was no adjustments report ready because of the end of year procedure has the office behind schedule. Next month there will be a two-month report.

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

Old Business:

Property Ordinance Violations: Dr Smyth was present at the meeting and requested a progress report on the cleanup process for the properties. He stated that the situation has become worse than ever and this is starting to become a financial drain on him, not to mention the garbage that is left out is causing an odor problem and adding to the vermin problem. Smyth stated that this needs to be a long term solution because over the last ten years it has been cleanup and goes right back after a short period. This does not reflect well on the town being quite visible from highway traffic. Smyth is asking for a time frame, none given however President Richardson believes the cleanup will happen within a few weeks.

Greenville Town Marshal position: Councilman Barclay has been reviewing the applications and will be giving a recommendation to the council soon. He has received approximately 6-8 applications; however, some are not eligible because of the residency requirement.

Drainage: Councilman Moore has been accepting bids for a swell correcting the drainage problem on East 2nd Street south of highway 150. Moore will be asking for additional bids (at least three). Moore is working with neighbors as well as the contractors to get a solution that works for everyone.

New Business:

Parking Lot at Town Hall: Attorney Fox stated that liability cannot transfer risk and that an insurance rider is the proper solution for school over flow parking problems.

Councilman Moore requested that an alleyway across from Buttontown Road be opened. Moore stated that a person was interested in purchasing land and it was without entrance since Clark Street became closed with the construction of the water tower in the early 1960's. Moore suggested that a contractor was interested in purchasing the land if it could be opened. The contractor would do the clearing and spreading of gravel to open. Councilman Matthews stated this would be irresponsible since all openings and closing had been put on hold until zoning was in place. The president appointed Councilman Moore and Clerk Travillian on to a committee to research a policy for opening alleys. The first step will be a study of open and unimproved alleyways with some type of plan for dealing with cost involved in upkeep.

Committee Reports:

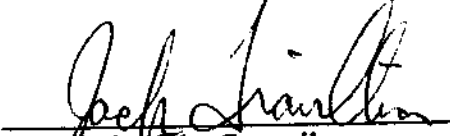
Emergency Service: The search for a new marshal is still being conducted. President Richardson has realigned the committees and asked that D. Moore take over as the director of the Emergency Services Committee. The other committees will remain as before.

Planning and Zoning committee report: Moore made a motion to eliminate the planning commission. After lengthy discussion the motion died for a lack of a second. All meetings are put on hold while the council determines a direction for the planning board. The council had a discussion about land uses. Zoning is the only tool to deal with this issue.

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


Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council