

Minutes of Greenville Town Council Meeting
July 11, 2005

President Dave Matthews called the regular monthly meeting to order. Other **Councilpersons present** were Hanzel Barclay, Janet Wright, and Joey Receveur, along with **Clerk Jack Travillian**. Also attending the meeting was town attorney Rick Fox and other concerned citizens. Minutes were read and approved. H. Barclay made the motion and J. Wright seconded. (Motion passed 3-0)

Old Business:

Water Contract with Indiana American Water Company (IAWC): Town Attorney Rick Fox has been in contact with both attorneys representing IAWC and Ramsey Water. The parties are requesting a roundtable meeting in Marcus Burger's (attorney for Ramsey Water) office in Corydon. The main problem area seems to be with a guarantee for continued purchasing of water from Floyds Knobs. David Matthews and Gary Getrost will schedule a meeting time and date.

Neighborhood complaints: Bill & Kathy Smyth appeared before the council with numerous complaints that have been registered with President Matthews. Also Bob and Janice Gibson were present and concerned about the property next to his mother's home. Mr. & Mrs. Hortenberry, who live next door to Ms. Hasenstab, were also present and stated that they have had Floyd County Animal Control stop by and examine their property for any violations of county animal control ordinances. There were no violations noted. President Matthews has visited the property in question and stated that there appeared to be some improvement from last month and would consider giving more time as long as progress was being made. Bob Gibson requested that the council consider writing an ordinance concerning public nuisance or noise limitations, because of the dog noise.

President Matthews gave the council a listing of five properties that appear to be in violation of ordinances concerning proper maintenance and presented a letter he plans to send to each property on the list. J. Receveur made a motion and H. Barclay seconded to send the letter and follow up before next month's meeting. Motion passed 3-0. If the letter does not produce the desired response the council will start legal procedures to have the ordinances enforced.

President Matthews noted that most problem properties are located in old Greenville and that these properties sometimes become occupied by low income families that have problems with financing for upkeep and maintenance and sometimes the properties become abandon and in disrepair. There are no easy answers for the reoccurring problems of keeping the community current on upkeep.

Dr. Smyth was advised to call the Floyd County Health Department (Dan Elmore) about his concerns regarding chemicals being kept on adjacent properties. Because of the

importance of health issues, it should be more quickly resolved using the county authority over such problems.

Town Map: Clerk Travillian made the suggestion of upgrading to digital map. The board took no action and may consider this at a later meeting. President Matthews requested that Clerk Travillian come up with some method of paying for the map without using General Funds.

Sappenfield Property: President Matthews would like to contact Pat Sappenfield about her property located on Cross Street. Janice Gibson gave the council the name of Ms. Sappenfield's bother (Lynn Ray Owens) who lives in New Albany, IN and suggested the council contact her through him.

New Business:

Fire Board Contract: President Matthews presented the council with his recommendation that the council seek a long term contract for fire protection. He presented a letter that he recommended be from town attorney Rick Fox asking for a five year contract for \$8,500 per year. The motion was made by J. Wright and seconded by J. Receveur. (Motion passed 3-0).

Proposal for streets and road repairs: President Matthews gave each council member a copy of a proposed process for completion of streets and road projects. Each proposal should go through a five step process.

1. Identify the needed work.
2. Obtain any required survey work or legal justification (when needed)
3. Identify and write contract requirements
4. Bid Contract, or if under minimum bring proposal to council for approval.
5. Monitor completion of contract.

Committee Reports:

Law Enforcement: The Floyd County Council has made a verbal request, via County Auditor Teresa Plaiss, that the town return unused funding for 2004 marshal salaries. The County stated that the money was not used for its' stated purpose (paying full-time marshal) and should be returned as soon as possible. If the town would like to request additional funding they should appear before the board with any new requests. The State Board of Accounts advised Clerk Travillian that any request for the return of funds should be made in writing. Also the council requested Clerk Travillian check with Donnie Stroud, from the Department of Local Government Finance, if the town can retain the money for use in future full time pay for marshal.

President Matthews requested Councilman Barclay prepare a proposal for pay scale for town marshal and job expectations. This should be done for both part-time and full time position.

The council recognized Boy Scout Ben Watson from Troop 56, who is a Star Scout, attending the council meeting and listening to current events. Watson attended to help secure a merit badge on local government.

Steve Theisenman was in attendance and questioned the council's decision not to sign a letter of intent to provide initial water service to the Heritage Spring subdivision. President Matthews stated the council's position that the water company is using more than 120 percent of the current contracted water available. Until the new contract with Indiana American Water Company is completed, no commitment can be given to provide additional service on a large scale.

Zoning: The next meeting will be tomorrow (July 12) at 7 PM and town attorney Rick Fox will be attending to advise on legal responsibilities for the committee. Fox also requested clarification about the fringe area being requested. The current ordinance is requesting 2 miles and the committee is looking at only ½ mile.

President Matthews requested that Clerk Travillian seek bids on fixing the decaying sidewalk and steps for the Town Hall.

Adjustments: The board reviewed the adjustments for June/July.

Finance Issues:

2006 Budget: The board reviewed the present budget and Clerk Travillian requested that the council review current spending trends and be prepared for next month's budget meeting.

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

Resignation: The council received a letter of resignation from Raymond (Joey) Receveur, because he is moving out of town limits. The position is an at-large position and can be filled by anyone living within the corporate limits. The Floyd County Democratic Party Chairman, Randy Stumler, may fill the position within 30 days.

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


Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council