

MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL (WATER UTILITY) MEETING, November 26, 1997.

The Greenville Town Council met this date to consider an Ordinance adjusting rates for water utility users. All Council Members were in attendance and also the Clerk Treasurer. Also attending was Attorney Virgil Bolly, Utility Superintendent Gary Getrost, Janice Gibson and Marshal David Moore.

Concerned residents and utility users also attending is listed on the attached sheet, as part of these minutes.

This meeting, also a hearing on proposed water rate increases, was called to order by Council President Janet Riggs at 7:30 p.m.

President Riggs called for comments from the floor.

Bill Fender: Requested information such as the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Cash Flow and a Five (5) year Plan to substantiate the proposed increases.

Janet Riggs: We have the required statement, but not readily available to pass out, with the exception of the Five (5) Year Plan, which the utility does not prepare. Janice Gibson, Office Manager, will make copies of the latest reports for you. Ms. Riggs stated that due to extraordinary costs associated with highway projects and wholesale rate increases the Council believes a rate increase is necessary.

Joy Purvis: Why are we buying water from Edwardsville and not Ramsey Water Co.

Gary Getrost: Ramsey cannot supply our needs.

Ted Miller: Explained Edwardsville can supply Greenville better since Edwardsville is undergoing an expansion program. Edwardsville is Greenville's best source of water due to their close proximity and newer lines.

Jerry Burkhardt: Suggested the Council delay voting on an increase until the next monthly meeting. No action taken by Council.

Bill Fender: Mr. Fender stated the IURC requires financial information for rate increases.

Joy Purvis: Why the rate for Fire Hydrant rental. Also compared to In/American Greenville's rates are a lot higher. She also stated she believed the utility should have been sold. Hydrant rental is required by SBA.

Janet Riggs: Explained she was for selling but after examination of In/Am rates the net result for Greenville would have been a large increase due to normal rate increases and surcharges imposed by I/A.

Ted Miller: He reviewed past rate increases and believes past Boards were reluctant to increase rates when they were needed.

Bill Fender: An increase in customers should require impact fees.

Ted Miller: Greenville has enacted ordinances to provide for impact fees.

Bill Fender: Greenville is obligated to operate the utility with sound financial management.

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Ted Miller: Greenville will provide Mr. Fender with 1998 Budget (and 5- year plan) as well as other financial information when they become available. Also Mr. Miller apologized for not having this information readily available for this meeting.

Ms. Kessinger: Questioned a \$50.00 fee being enacted. Council advised her this fee did not pertain to her or other regular users.

The question of water conservation came up. Miller advised those in attendance that Greenville has enacted ordinances dealing with conservation which in effect could cut off users that do not conserve.

V. Bolly: Reiterated the need for a water rate increase. That a surcharge put into effect was being used for operating, roughly \$70,000 and that this amount is collected for future revenue. It is his opinion the Council should enact the Water Rate Increase to provide the necessary funds for maintenance and provide the 125% of operating expenses as provided by Ordinance.

Bill Fender: Can the utility get money from other sources for relocation of lines, etc.

Janet Riggs: Some monies are returned but the utility still has expenses associated with line relocation.

Jerry Burkhart: Stated the increase should be put off. No Council action taken.

Ted Miller: Stated the Council should move ahead with the increase.

Council President Riggs motioned for a recess, 2d by Councilman Receveur. (Smoke Break)

The meeting was reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

Bill Fender: Stated he had reviewed the material provided by Janice Gibson but still believes the utility should have a 5 year plan.

Council President Janet Riggs introduced Ordinance 1997-w-08, titled "An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges for Water by the Waterworks System of the Town of Greenville".

On call of the roll Councilman Ted Miller motioned the Ordinance be read and motioned the Ordinance be accepted. Councilman Receveur 2d the motion, motion carried. On call of the roll Council President requested a vote on the Ordinance. Councilmen Miller, Gibson, Receveur and Burkhart (after being assured complete financial statements will be available) voted for the passage. President Riggs then declared Ordinance 1997-W-08 duly passed by the Council.

Attorney Virgil Bolly stated that in the future the Town will need to provide all pertinent financial information to substantiate a rate increase.

Other action by the Council was to approve the minutes of the October 22, 1997 meeting, after the reading was dispensed on motion by Councilman Receveur, seconded by Councilman Gibson. (4-0).

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Council, by a vote of 4-0, approved the claim for SEICO in the amount of \$20,000 as final settlement of all claims against the Town.

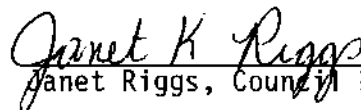
Council voted 4-0 to not hold a utility meeting in December 1997.

Council President introduced Ordinance No. 1997-T-06, titled " An Ordinance Establishing Salaries for Elected Officials and Appointed Employees for 1998". On call of the roll, Councilman Miller motioned the Ordinance be accepted, 2d by Councilman Receveur. President Riggs then called for a vote on the Ordinance. All Councilmembers voted for, none against. President Riggs then declared Ordinance 1997-T-06 duly passed.

Council President Riggs introduced Ordinance No. 1997-W-07 titled " An Ordinance Establishing Additional Salaries for Elected Officials for Period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998". On Call of the Roll Councilman Miller motioned Ordinance No. 1997-W-07 be accepted, 2d by Councilman Receveur. President Riggs then called for a vote on the Ordinance. By a vote of 3-0 (Burkhart abstaining) for the Ordinance. President Riggs then declared Ordinance 1997-W-07 duly passed by 2/3 vote.

Utility Superintendent Getrost apprized the Council of a \$27,000 reimbursement from the State of Indiana. He also advised the Council Floyds Knobs Water Co. will consider a contract for purchased water, but he believes Floyds Knobs should recognize the Ramsey Contract, which they assumed. Councilman Ted Miller stated Floyds kNobs should be notified to honor the current contract.

No further business coming before the Council, Councilman Receveur motioned for adjournment, seconded by Councilman Gibson.



Janet Riggs, Council President

ATTEST:

Jack Sprigler, Clerk Treasurer

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Ray Kessinger
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Joy Ferris
Bill Ferris

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