

"Galena can keep their crap!" was the proclamation issued by Greenville Town Council President Talbotte Richardson. He made the statement about a resolution the board voted on Monday night at its regular meeting in front of a standing room only crowd at the town hall council room.

There was another 30 people standing outside, who weren't allowed in because of the building's capacity.

Richardson's proclamation came after board voted on an ordinance (2012-wr-004), which was read by Greg Redden.

The ordinance read that if the purchase of the Heritage Springs Waste Treatment Plant is approved, the service area of the waste treatment plant will be limited to servicing the area within the Greenville corporate limits.

The ordinance also states that no other treatment plants will be allowed to connect to the Heritage Springs Waste Treatment plant.

After all engineering and financial research has been completed a public hearing will be held to inform the town residents of the council's findings.

Richardson explained the ordinance.

"We just don't want Galena to come over here and hook on to us," he said. "We want Galena to take care of itself. This board here will not take this sewer treatment plant outside the city limits. We want other towns to know we are not interested in them bringing their crud over here and we are not wanting to send our crud to you. We just want to protect Greenville.

"I told some of the people who have called me the last few days is Galena can keep their crap! We don't want it here."

Richardson made a motion and Patti Smith seconded it.

Daryl Kepley voted against, forcing Richardson to have a roll call.

Kepley voted nay and Bob Wright abstained.

"I voted no because I'd like to do a little more research," he said.

Even with the no vote, the ordinance passed by a vote of 3-1.

The tone of the meeting was set at the outset when tempers flared over the minutes from the December meeting.

Kepley suggested more detail be included in the minutes from the council's December meeting.

"Where you are talking about the water tower and the sewer project, I think it's pertinent to bring up what was said about both projects," Kepley said. "I want the minutes to include what Randal Johnes and Rick Fox was talking about the sewer project."

Fox said the normal process is for the minutes to be sent out in advance and then as the council reviews them, they send any changes they have back to Clerk-treasurer Jack Travillian.

"I understand that Rick, but the paper won't print anything that's not brought up at the meeting and I wanted it to be public knowledge."

Fox encouraged Kepley in the future to make modifications and send them out to all the council members, for their review prior to the next meeting.

"Don't talk to Jack, get it out so Greg (Redden) and Talbotte (Richardson), Bob – everybody knows what it is that you are changing. There are other members of the board besides you and if you want to make the other members party to the changes so they know what you want, because they might want to supplement it with something else. That way when you come to the board meeting, you have a group of minutes that you all can agree on."

Fox's statement sparked a back-and-forth and caused the crowd to start talking, but Richardson issued a warning.

"That's enough, that's enough!" Richardson said. "Let me explain something to everybody in this room. This is my meeting, it's not youralls meeting. You had the privilege to come into this meeting and hear what we say. It's not your meeting, you don't run the meeting. Nobody at this (the council) table and nobody in the audience has a right to speak unless I acknowledge them. That's the way the law is. When I say enough is enough, everybody stops."

After saying the minutes will be redone and presented at the next meeting, Richardson continued to address those in attendance.

"I want to ask you a question," Richardson said. "Where the hell all of you been all this time? There hasn't been this many people at the meeting in the past seven years put together. I am proud of you!"

Things simmered down, but only slightly as the council had elections.

Patti Smith nominated Richardson and Redden seconded it.

Then Bob Wright nominated Kepley, who seconded the nomination himself.

"I hope we get a president, who will share the work load with the board," he said.

Kepley then nominated Redden, who declined to be considered for the position.

There was a secret ballot with Richardson being reelected by a count of 3-2.

In other business, the council was set to approve the purchase of a new radio for the town marshal's jeep, but two county commissioners were there and advised that Floyd County has upgraded its system and they would be issuing new radios sometime soon.

Town Marshal David Moore said he could make do in the meantime.

Moore also asked approval for he and his assistant to join and attend the IDEA (Indiana Drug Enforcement Association) convention in Indianapolis.

In addition to invaluable training, Moore said the group provides them both with \$20,000 in the line of duty life insurance policies.

The cost of the conference and lodging is roughly \$850.

The board also approved adjustments for the water company and the towns checks and expenditures.

Hayes was appointed as first vice president of the board and Redden was appointed as second vice by Richardson.

Other appointments include Richardson being in charge of Emergency services and streets and property cleanup.

Hayes is in charge of public relations, Wright will oversee streets and roads and Redden is in charge of streets and roads and will use the help of Kepley as needed.

The board also passed an ordinance concerning transferring of funds.