

February 21, 2017

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the February 21, 2017 meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Police Officer Keith Boyer, Whittier Police Department, CA

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson-absent
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

John Volkmann - Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police-Absent
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Robert Schwerd– Attorney for the Town
Rick Konopasek-Director Public Works
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Don Hill – Asst. Fire Chief
Keith Martin - Commander

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to adopt the minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member James Marker. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 10766-10957, in the amount of \$1,140,799.44. (One Million, One Hundred Forty Thousand, Seven Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars and Forty-four Cents) A motion was made by Council Member Larry Ballah to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00pm. A Study Session will be held at 6:30pm before the meeting and one will follow if necessary. The Town Council Study Session scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017 has been cancelled. There will be a Study Session for the Redevelopment Commission at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.
2. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - a. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve a request by a student club from Griffith High School to have a field trip to the Franklin Center, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

1. Public Works – No Report
2. Police –No Report
3. Fire – No Report
4. Pending Items - None

1. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. None.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Council Member James Marker read Ordinance 2017-09 Corner Cutting (second reading) an ordinance making it unlawful to corner cut through a privately-owned business to avoid a controlled intersection. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-09, Corner Cutting, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion Carried.
- b. Council President Rick Ryfa announced that Council assignments and appointments would be postponed until the March 7, 2017 meeting.
- c. Council President Rick Ryfa again stated that the Council would take no action at the present time on the South Shore Extension. He asked that

individuals contact the Town Hall with their concerns and questions. The South Shore Extension will be discussed by the Town Council at the meeting on March 7, 2017.

- d. Council Member Larry Ballah read the Notice of Intent to Receive Bids for the Sale of Real Property. The property is located at 123-127 N. Wood St., Griffith, IN 46319. Sealed bids will be received beginning 12:00pm, March 1, 2017 through 4:00 pm May 1, 2017, with a minimum acceptable bid of \$156,500.00.

NEW BUSINESS:


- a. Council President Rick Ryfa that the settlement agreement with Villa Pizza will be continued until March 7, 2017.
- b. Council Member Larry Ballah did a first reading of Ordinance 2017-12. An Ordinance approving the issuance of bonds by the Town of Griffith Sanitary District and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
- c. Council Member James Marker read Resolution 2017-13, A Resolution approving a temporary load from the General Fund to the Storm Bond Fund. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-13, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion Carried.
- d. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-14, a resolution amending resolution 2017-10 approving and authorizing the purchase of a Ford Explorer by means of a Purchase Financing agreement with Centier Bank, Seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion Carried.
- e. Council Member Larry Ballah opened the bids for the purchase of new vehicles for the Public Works Department and made a motion that the bids be forwarded to Town Attorney Robert Schwerd and the Director of Public Works Rick Konopasek for review, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried. The bids received were for 3 (three) new vehicles. Smith Chevrolet bid: \$107,580.00, less trade ins; Christenson Chevrolet: \$105,309.25, less trade ins.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:


- a. Joseph Kras, 1215 Sawgrass Dr., Griffith, IN expressed concern about the trees and speeding along Fairbanks. Council President Rick Ryfa and Commander Keith Martin said they would investigate and take appropriate action.


There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17p.m.

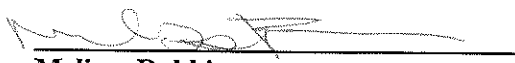
COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA



Rick Ryfa – President

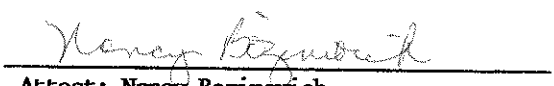

Larry Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Absent
Attest: John C. Volkmann
Clerk Treasurer


Attest: Nancy Bozinovich
Deputy Clerk Treasurer