

June 5, 2018

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 5, 2018 meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Council Member James Marker read the names of Police Officers killed in the line of duty:

- Police Officer Amy Caprio, Baltimore County Police Department, MD
- Sergeant Daniel Baker, Dickson County Sheriff's Office, TN

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

John C. Volkmann- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Sheri Bradtke-McNeil – Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief - Absent
Don Hill – Asst. Fire Chief
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to adopt the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No. 17610 – 17871, \$1,818,353.44 (One million, eight hundred eighteen thousand, three hundred fifty-three dollars and forty-four cents). Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a study session at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow if necessary.
2. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., with a study session at 6:00 p.m.
3. There will be a Town Council study session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Clerk Treasurer John Volkmann read a notification that the Lake County Economic Development 5 year Consolidated Plan and the FY2018 Annual Action Plan are available for review in the Clerk Treasurers Office.
2. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to direct the Town Attorney to prepare a zoning agreement with Family Express, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

- Public Works – Public Works Director Rick Konopasek gave the following report:
- Police - No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Finance - No Report

PENDING ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP ISSUES:

1. Calumet Township Secession update: Council President Rick Ryfa gave the following update: The Township has appealed to the State Supreme Court and the Town has responded to this latest appeal. The Town will continue to collect signatures for the petition. The petition is available for signature on Fridays at the Central Market and at the Clerk Treasurers office during normal business hours.

2. Golf Course update: No Report
3. Interceptor Project: See report from Public Works above.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-16, an ordinance amending Ordinance 91-37, Chapter 14 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article VI unsafe buildings, Section 14-301 adoption of State Standards, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

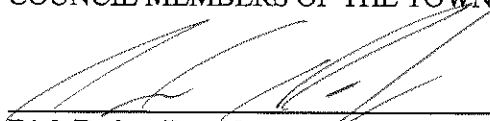
- a. There were no bids for miscellaneous Concrete work. The matter was referred to the Town Attorney for advice.
- b. The bids for the Broad and Main Street Signal Modification were opened: HAWK Enterprises: \$68,203.74; Midwest Electric: \$67,288.46. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to forward the bid to the Town Attorney and the Public Works Director for review and recommendation, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.
- c. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve resolution 2018-21, a resolution to correct a negative balance in fund 429, Police Joint Crime Control, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion Carried.
- d. The Main and Broad Street intersection modification part-time construction inspection agreement was tabled until the bids could be evaluated, this will be reviewed at the next Town Council meeting.
- e. Council Member Tony Hobson did a first reading of Ordinance 2018-19, Salary Ordinance revisions adding the position of Crime Reduction Initiative Officer to Special Service Position and adding the position of Full Time Intel Analyst.


PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. Marylyn Glinski inquired if our K-9 Geno had a bullet proof vest. Chief Mance said that Geno does have a bullet proof vest that is worn on certain calls. MS Glinski added that she would like to make a donation to the K-9 program, Chief Mance said that they would discuss after the meeting.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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

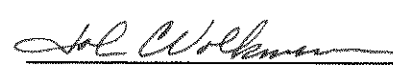

Rick Ryfa – President


Larry Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: John C. Volkmann
Clerk Treasurer