

November 1, 2016

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the November 1, 2016 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Deputy Sheriff Jack Hopkins, Modoc County Sheriff's Office, CA

Sergeant Allen Brandt, Fairbanks Police Department, AK

Police Officer Myron Jarrett, Detroit Police Department, MI

Deputy Sheriff Dan Glaze, Rusk County Sheriff's Office, WI

ROLL CALL:

James Marker

Larry Ballah

Rick Ryfa

Tony Hobson

Patricia Schaadt

ALSO ATTENDING:

John Volkmann - Clerk Treasurer

Keith Martin – Detective Commander

Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner

Robert Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

Rick Konopasek-Director Public Works

Roy Schoon – Fire Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Patricia Schaadt moved to adopt the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 9291 - 9479 in the amount of \$867,034.62 (Eight Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand and Thirty-four dollars and Sixty-two cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Patricia Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00pm. A Study Session will be held at 6:30pm before the meeting and one will follow if necessary. There will not be a study session Tuesday, November 8, 2016.
2. The Clerk Treasurer's Office will be closed from 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 until 8:30am on Friday, November 11, 2016. The entire staff will be attending annual computer training for the Keystone computer system used by the Town.
3. The Griffith Town Hall will be closed on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2016 from 11:00am until 1:00pm so that Town employees may participate in Veterans Day Ceremonies at Central Park.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. None

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Public Works – No Report
3. Police – No Report
4. Fire – No Report
5. Economic Development – No Report
6. Pending Items
 - a. Hammond Sanitary District/Water Treatment – Council President Ryfa stated that we are still in negotiations with HSD.
 - b. Calumet Township/Secession Vote December 20, 2016 – Council President Rick Ryfa advised that the Town of Griffith and Indiana Department of Local Government Finance have been served with a lawsuit by Kimberly K. Robinson, Trustee of Calumet Township to try to stop the December 20, 2016 Secession Vote.
 - c. Griffith Park Plaza - No Report.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Community Crossings Grant: Public Works Director Rick Konopasek stated that the bids are still being reviewed and a decision may be made at the next Council meeting on November 15, 2016.
- b. Ordinance 2016-48: An ordinance limiting parking on the west side of Lafayette St. south of Main. A motion to continue this Ordinance until the November 15, 2016 meeting was made by Council Member Patricia Schaadt and seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion Carried
- c. Ordinance 2016-50: An ordinance amending Chapter 78 – Utilities, Article III Sewer Service Division I. Section 78 -96 – Definitions, by the addition of language to the definition of “Commercial Users” and amending Section 78 – 107 – Wastewater Sampling by the additions of subsections a., b., c., and d. A motion to continue this Ordinance until November 15, 2016 was made by Council Member Larry Ballah and seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.
- d. Ordinance 2016-51, Turnberry PUD: An Ordinance amending the zoning ordinances of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana as they pertain to Turnberry at Trail Creek. A motion was made by Council Member Larry Ballah to accept this ordinance and seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

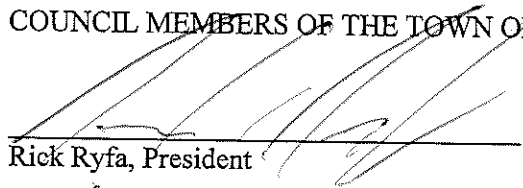
- a. Ordinance 2016-53, An Ordinance for appropriations and tax rates for the Town of Griffith for the year ending December 31, 2017 was presented by Clerk Treasurer John Volkmann. A motion to suspend the rules to adopt this ordinance on the first reading was made by Council Member Patricia Schaadt and seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. A roll call vote was taken on the rules suspension: Council Member James Marker: In Favor; Council Member Larry Ballah: In Favor; Council President Rick Ryfa: In Favor; Council Member Patricia Schaadt: In Favor; Council Member Tony Hobson: In Favor. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Council Member Patricia Schaadt to accept Ordinance 2016-53 by roll call vote and seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. A roll call vote was taken to accept Ordinance 2016-53: Council Member James Marker: In Favor; Council Member Larry Ballah: In Favor; Council President Rick Ryfa: In Favor; Council Member Patricia Schaadt: In Favor; Council Member Tony Hobson: In Favor. Motion Carried.
- b. A letter of agreement with Barnes & Thornburg LLP and the Town of Griffith was read by Council Member James Marker. Barnes & Thornburg provide the Town with services regarding State Legislative Relations Counsel. A Motion was made by Council Member James Marker and seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson to authorize Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the letter of agreement with Barnes & Thornburg. Motion Carried.
- c. A letter of agreement with H.J. Umbaugh & Associates CPAs, LLP the Town of Griffith was read by Council Member Tony Hobson. H.J. Umbaugh & Associates provides services regarding Griffith Municipal Sewage Works and Water Utility, Municipal Advisory and Financial Advisory Services and Financial Analysis and Proposed Bond Issue. A motion was made by Council Member Tony Hobson and seconded by Council Member Patricia Schaadt to authorized Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the letter of agreement with H. J. Umbaugh & Associates. Motion Carried.

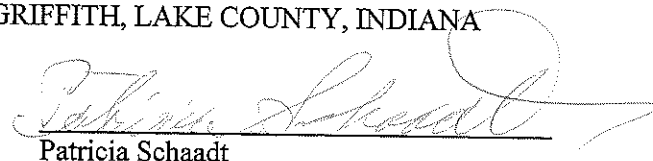
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. Joseph Kras, 1215 Sawgrass, Griffith, IN: expressed concerns on the Turnberry PUD. He wanted to know if it was published and if the nearby residents were properly notified of the development. Council President Rick Ryfa replied that the proper notifications were posted and nearby residents were made aware of the pending development.
- b. Daryl Grandbois, 1240 Sawgrass, Griffith, IN: expressed concerns that contractors were parking heavy equipment on the streets and that he had observed a concrete truck driver washing unused concrete into the street and down the storm sewer. Council President replied that if he observes this again he should report it immediately to the Building Commissioner and/or to Public Works. He was also advised that he could express his concerns to the Plan Commission at their next meeting which will be on November 2, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Griffith Town Hall.


There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16p.m.

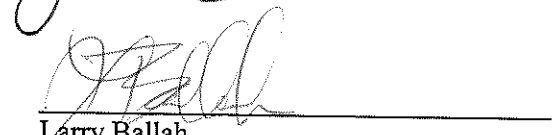
COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA


Rick Ryfa, President



Patricia Schaadt


James Markert


Absent
Tony Hobson


Larry Ballah

Attest:


John C. Volkmann
Clerk-Treasurer

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-48

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74-TRAFFIC & VEHICLES,
ARTICLE VIII TRAFFIC SCHEDULES, SECTION 74-302
LIMITED PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS (b)

WHEREAS, IC 9-21-1-3 et seq. authorizes the Town to adopt traffic and parking regulations within the Town of Griffith; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, deems it to be in the best interest of the general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Griffith that Chapter 74 - Traffic & Vehicles, Article VIII, Traffic Schedules, Section 74-302, Limited Parking on Certain Streets (b), be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, that Chapter 74 - Traffic & Vehicles, Article VIII, Traffic Schedules, Section 74-302, Limited Parking on Certain Streets (b), be amended by the addition of the following:


Both sides of South Lafayette Avenue from the alley, which is approximately 155 feet south of Main Street, and continuing south to the north side of Avenue A shall be reserved for parking only by the residents of the 100 block of South Lafayette Avenue.

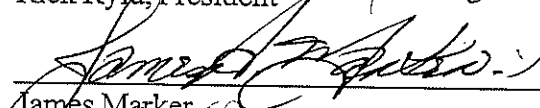
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any and all such ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Town of Griffith that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and of no further force or effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and posting in accordance with IC 36-5-2-10.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 15th day of November, 2016.

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

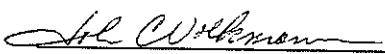

Rick Ryfa, President


James Marker


Larry Ballah


Patricia Schaadt

Attest:


John C. Volkmann
Clerk-Treasurer

Assent
Tony Hobson

TOWN OF GRIFFITH
RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 55

**A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH
AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A BINDING LETTER OF
INTENT AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE HAMMOND SANITARY
DISTRICT CONCERNING SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT FEES AND
LTCP/CSO CAPITAL COSTS**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith has determined that it is in the best interests of its citizens to enter into a long-term settlement of all outstanding issues between the Town of Griffith and the Hammond Sanitary District; and

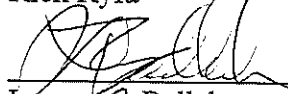
WHEREAS, a binding Letter of Intent and Settlement Agreement has been negotiated between the Town of Griffith and the Hammond Sanitary District concerning sewage and treatment fees and long-term capital control plan/combined sewer overflows capital costs.

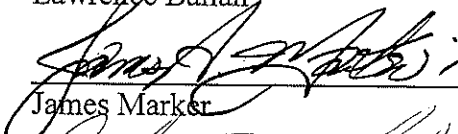
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, that the Town Council President is hereby authorized to execute a binding Letter of Intent and Settlement Agreement with the Hammond Sanitary District.


SO RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED, by the Griffith Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, this 15th day of November, 2016.

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

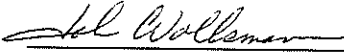

Rick Ryfa

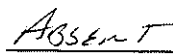

Lawrence Ballah


James Marker


Patricia Schaadt

Attest:


John C. Volkmann
Clerk-Treasurer


Tony Hobson