

APRIL 16, 2019

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the April 16, 2019 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 the Police Officers killed in the line of duty:

- Sergeant Steven L. Licon, California Highway Patrol, CA
- Deputy Sheriff Justin DeRosier, Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, WA

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

John C. Volkmann- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police – Absent
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
Keith Martin – Police Commander

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins.
Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No. 22414 – 22645 \$892,837.38 (Eight hundred ninety-two thousand, eight hundred thirty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents). Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow if necessary
2. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
3. There will be a Town Council study session on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 after the Redevelopment Commission meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Council Member James Marker made a motion to allow the Calvary Tabernacle Church to place a banner at the corner of Ridge Road and Cline Ave. advertising their vacation bible school from June 4, 2019 to June 18, 2019, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
2. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve a request of the American Legion Auxiliary to solicit donations for Poppy Days on May 17th and 18th, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
3. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve a transfer of \$5,000.00 to the Griffith Historical Society, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
4. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve a request by the Griffith Knights of Columbus to hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive from June 28th through June 30th, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
5. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to proclaim May 12, 2019 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
6. Council Member Tony Hobson presented information about a public art project to benefit Humane Indiana.

REPORTS:

- Public Works – No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance - No Report

• **PENDING ITEMS:**

TOWNSHIP ISSUES: Calumet Township Secession update: Council President Rick Ryfa gave the following update: HB 1177 is going to a Conference Committee for language revisions.

Golf Course: The RFP for fill should be ready soon.

Interceptor Project: Public Works Director Rick Konopasek stated the project is about 99% complete, there are some issues to be completed this spring.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None


NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jim Metros from Republic Services presented an update on recycling in the United States and some of the difficulties in the recycling business.
2. Council President Rick Ryfa gave a brief update on CMOM, Capacity, Management, operations, and Maintenance.
3. Council Member Lawrence Ballah gave a first reading of Ordinance 2019-02, an ordinance amending Town Code Section 62-80 entitled "Placement".

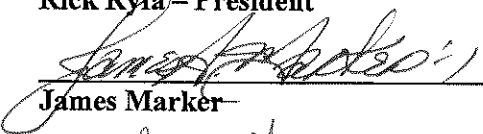
PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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

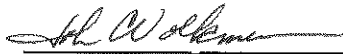

Rick Ryfa – President


Larry Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: John C. Volkmann – Clerk Treasurer