

MAY 21, 2019

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the May 21, 2019 meeting to order at 7:01 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 Kelvin Ansari, Savannah Police Department, GA
- Police Officer William Buechner, Auburn Police Division, AL

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:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins.
Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No 22929-23124 \$822,237.66 (Eight hundred twenty-two thousand, two hundred thirty-seven dollars and sixty-six 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, June 4, 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, May 28, 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, May 28, 2019 after the Redevelopment Commission meeting

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Council Member James Marker introduced Beth Alyea, Branch Head of the Griffith/Calumet Township Public Library. MS Alyea gave a synopsis of the various programs and benefits of the Public Library system.
2. Council Member Melissa Robbins presented a Certificate of Recognition to Gabe and Kate Mauch of the Grinhouse Café.

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: The Governor has signed the bill that allows Griffith another year to be accepted by another Township.

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

Interceptor Project: SAK is doing a final walk through on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

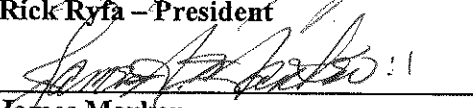
1. Council Member Tony Hobson did a first reading of Ordinance 2019-13, an ordinance amending Town Code Chapter 78 Utilities, Article III. Sewer service Division 5 Rates and Charges, Section 78-179(f).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

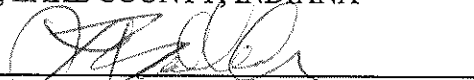
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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


Rick Ryfa – President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: John C. Volkmann – Clerk Treasurer