

**JULY 9, 2019**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 9, 2019 meeting to order at 7:02 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:

- Police Officer Tara Christina O'Sullivan, Sacramento Police Department, CA
- Corporal Jose Luis "Speedy" Espericueta, Jr., Mission Police Department, TX
- Police Officer Michael Vincent Langsdorf, North County Police Cooperative, MO
- Deputy Sheriff Troy P. Chisum, Fulton County Sheriff's Office, IL
- Police Officer John Anderson, Metro Nashville Police Department, TX
- Deputy Sheriff Nicholas Dixon, Hall County Sheriff's Office, GA

**ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins - Absent

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah.

Motion carried 4 in favor, none opposed.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Claims No 23569 – 23898, \$2,077,554.78 (Two million, seventy-seven thousand, five hundred fifty-four dollars and seventy-eight cents). Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 4 in favor none opposed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 16, 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, July 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 after the Redevelopment Commission meeting on July 23, 2019.
4. There will not be a Town Council study session on Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to allow the American Veterans Motorcycle Riders Association (AVMRA) to hang banners for their "Rock The Vets" event on August 17, 2019, the banners may be placed 2 (two) weeks prior to the event, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 4 in favor none opposed.
2. Council Member James Marker made an announcement the Griffith Parks Department has received a \$25,000.00 grant from the Legacy Foundation, the grant will be used to build a Pickle Ball Court and a Roller Hockey Rink.

**REPORTS:**

- Public Works – No Report
- Police – Police Chief Greg Mance announced that there will be a fundraiser for the Griffith Animal Shelter at Shipwreck Bar & Grill on Saturday, July 13, 2019.
- 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 Town is still looking for a home and will continue to search in the upcoming months.

Golf Course: Council President Rick Ryfa gave the following update: The Town is in preparations to make a public offering on the Golf Course.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

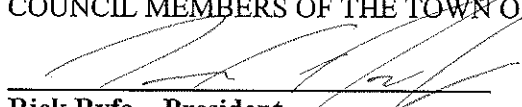
**NEW BUSINESS:**


- a. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-17 a resolution transferring monies, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 4 in favor none opposed.
- b. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to appoint George Jerome to the Griffith Safety Board, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 4 in favor none opposed.
- c. Council Member James Marker made a motion to accept the petitions for Vacation of Public Way from the Griffith Parks and Recreation Department for property near the new Fireman's Park and from John J. Houlihan for property near 1001 W. Main St., seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 4 in favor none opposed.
- d. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to allow the Town Council Presedent to sign an agreement with Walsh and Kelly for the Community Crossings Matching Grant, not to exceed \$1,783,255.34, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 4 in favor none opposed.
- e. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to accept an amendment to owner-engineer agreement for the Broad Street Alley Renovations – Phase 1 from Lochmueller Engineering, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 4 in favor none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**


**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 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