

AUGUST 20, 2019

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the August 6, 2019 meeting to order at 7:05 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:

- Correctional Administrator Debra Johnson, Tennessee Department of Correction, TN
- Officer Andre Moye, Jr., California Highway Patrol, CA

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 - Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins.

Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No 24340 – 24628, \$882,890.78 (Eight hundred eighty-two thousand, eight hundred ninety 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, 5 in favor none opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17, 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 Town Council study session on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
3. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
4. There will be a Town Council Study Session after the Redevelopment Commission meeting on August 27, 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Council Member Melissa Robbins read a Proclamation for National Rail Safety Week from September 22nd to 28th 2019. She also made a motion to allow the Council President to sign the Proclamation, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- b. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow Cub Scout Pack 518 to sell popcorn door to door in Town during August, September and October during daylight hours from 10:00 a.m. until dusk, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

REPORTS:

- Public Works – Council President Rick Ryfa stated that the repaving of Broad St. from 45th Ave. to Lake St. was completed in about 3 days. Striping will be done this week. The repaving of Broad St. from Lake St. to Main St. will take place after the Rock N Rail Fest. Since Broad St. from Lake to Main will be closed for the Rock N Rail it will remain closed for a few days after the fest to facilitate the repaving of this section.
- Police – Police Chief Greg Mance announced that Public Safety Day will be this Saturday, August 24, 2019 in Central Park. The event will have a wide variety of safety related booths, bicycle inspections and touch a truck.
- 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. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to North and St. John Townships asking them to review our request to join their township and to offer any additional information they might need in order to make a decision. The letter would be drafted by the Town Council, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

Golf Course: Council President Rick Ryfa gave the following update: The Town is in preparations to make a public offering on the Golf Course sometime in late summer or early fall.

Franklin Center gym floor replacement proposal: Council Member James Marker made a motion to accept and to allow Council President Rick Ryfa and Building Commissioner Steve McDermott to sign a proposal from Hammel Floor Service, Inc. to replace the gym floor at the Franklin Center, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried 5 in favor none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

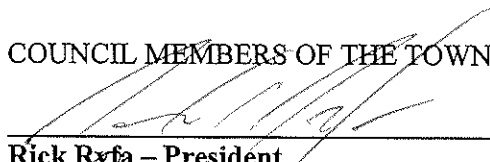
- Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-21, a resolution transferring monies for the Community Crossings Matching Grant, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- Council Member Tony Hobson announced that there is an opening on the Plan Commission. Anyone interested should send a letter expressing their interest in joining the Plan Commission to the Town of Griffith, Town Council. The letter must include the political affiliation of the interested party.

Council President Rick Ryfa now allowed the Water Board, Board of Public Works and the Finance Committee to hold their quarterly meetings. The minutes for these meetings will be in their respective files.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:none

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 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