

December 27, 2018

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the December 27, 2018 meeting to order at 5:17 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:

- Detective Deidre Mengedoht, Louisville Metro Police Department, KY
- Corporal Ronil Singh, Newman Police Department, 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 -Absent
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner -Absent
Sheri Bradtke-McNeil – Attorney for the Town-Absent
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief -Absent
Don Hill – Asst. Fire Chief -Absent
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works-Absent
Keith Martin – Police Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims No. 21080 – 21209, \$1,863,614.19 (One million, eight hundred sixty-three thousand, six hundred fourteen dollars and nineteen 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. There will be a Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow the Meeting if necessary.
2. There will be a Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow the Meeting if necessary.
3. There will be a Town Council Study Session on January 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Town is accepting applications for the various boards and commissions. There are openings on the following: Board of Zoning Appeals, Emergency Medical Service, Plan Commission, Redevelopment Commission, Sanitary Board, Safety Board and Storm Water Board. Interested parties must live in Griffith, IN. Please send a letter of interest and resume to: Griffith Town Hall, 111 N. Broad St., Griffith, IN, 46319, Attn: Clerk Treasurer or email: griffithtowncouncil@griffith.in.gov. Please state your political affiliation on your letter of interest.

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 Town is working with local representatives to draft a law that allows Griffith to provide Township services themselves. State Representative Chris Chyung (D-Dyer) is preparing a bill to present to the House of Representatives. We should know the bill number by January 8, 2019 and which committee the bill has been assigned to. We will ask our residents to contact our state legislature and ask them to pass the bill. Residents can go to the Town's website, www.griffith.in.gov to get the addresses

and phone numbers to contact.

Golf Course: No Report

Interceptor Project: No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None
BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-52, 2019 Salary Ordinance, the ordinance gives a 2% raise to all full time Town Employees, an increase in the longevity pay for Police Officers and grants a salary increase for the position of "Administrative Assistant to the Town Council" to \$1,375.00 (One thousand, three hundred seventy-five dollars and no cents) bi-weekly, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.


NEW BUSINESS:


- a. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-54, a resolution transferring monies from Casion to Rainy Day, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- b. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-55, a resolution transferring monies from Rainy Day to Events and Franklin Center, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- c. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve an agreement with Pinkerton Fuels for 2019, Pinkerton will maintain 2018 pricing throughout 2019, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion Carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- d. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to appoint Tim Diamond to another 4 year term on the Parks and Recreation Board, seconded by Council Member James Marker. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to appoint Paul Vechey to the Safety Board, he will be completing a vacated position, the term will be until December 31, 2021, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- e. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-58, a resolution to transfer appropriations within the General Fund, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.
- f. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-59 a resolution to transfer appropriations within various funds, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried, 5 in favor none opposed.

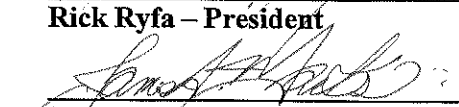
PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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

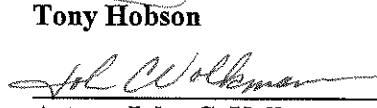

Rick Ryfa – President


Larry Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: John C. Volkmann – Clerk Treasurer