

JANUARY 7, 2020

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the January 7, 2020 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:

- Deputy Sheriff Chris Dickerson Panola County Sheriff's Office Texas

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- 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

Council President Rick Ryfa introduced Gina Smith as our new Clerk Treasurer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2019 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion carried 5 in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No 26544– 26653, \$939,846.32. 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 study session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and one will follow if necessary.
3. There will be a Redevelopment Commission Meeting on January 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. and there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

REPORTS:

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

PENDING ITEMS:

- Calumet Township Secession update: working on finding a home
- Golf Course: No report
- Water billing issues: trying to resolve

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

An Individual asked about the water meters being read incorrectly, President Rick Ryfa explained the batteries were going out and false readings were being reported we are in the process of replacing and resolving these issues

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. First Reading by Councilman Tony Hobson Ordinance 2020-02 Safety Board establishing vehicle towing fees : Chief Mance stated the fees have not been addressed in at least a decade.

	RATE
• Day Tow	\$175.00
• Night Tow	\$175.00
• Standard Winch Only Fee	\$100.00
• Standard Winch and Tow	Up to \$75.00
• Daily Storage (outside)	\$40.00
• Daily Storage (inside)	\$50.00
• No Keys	\$20.00
• Police Seized Storage (daily)	\$0.00
• Upright Fee	\$0.00
• Motorcycle Tie Down	\$30.00
• Service Call	\$0.00
• Crash Wrap	\$30.00
• After hours release	\$40.00
• Out of Town mileage fee	\$0.00


- b. Board and commission appointments will continue to serve until new meeting. Councilman Lawrence Ballah asked that all will remain to serve until the Jan. 21, 2020 Town Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Jackie Braun commented on wires hanging very low at 1144 N Broad St
2. Jacki Braun asked if there were plans to upgrade sewer inforstructure, requesting to hook up sump pump to storm sewer

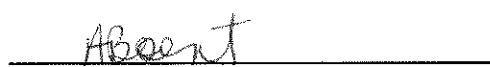
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

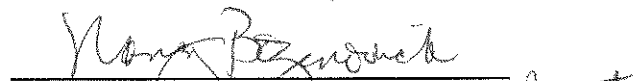

Rick Ryfa – President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: Gina Smith – Clerk Treasurer


Deputy Clerk Treasurer