

# August 16, 2016

## TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the August 16, 2016 meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The names of four recently murdered Police Officers were read by Council Member Jim Marker: The officers are:

- Special Agent De'Greun Frazier, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation - 08/09/2016
- Corporal Bill Cooper, Sebastian County, AZ Sheriff's Office - 08/10/2016
- Police Officer Jose Chavez, Hatch, NM Police Department - 08/12/2016
- Police Officer Timothy Kevin Smith, Eastman, GA Police Department - 08/13/2016

### ROLL CALL:

James Marker  
Larry Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Patricia Schaadt  
Tony Hobson

### ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer  
Greg Mance - Police Chief  
Don Hill - Assistant Fire Chief  
Steve McDermott - Building Commissioner  
Rick Konopasek - Public Works Director  
Brent Torrenga - Attorney for the Town

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to adopt the minutes of the August 2, 2016 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claim No. 8039 - 8330 in the amount of \$987,965.81 (nine hundred eighty-seven thousand, nine hundred sixty-five dollars and eighty-one cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will not be a council study session Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting one will follow if necessary.
3. The Council will meet with Department Heads to review budget proposals during August as needed. Meetings will be Mondays and Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.
4. The Annual Rock 'n Rail will take place September 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve a request from the Daughters of the American Revolution to have President Ryfa sign a Proclamation declaring the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 Constitution Week in celebration of the 229<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Constitution, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council President Rick Ryfa read a letter from Clerk-Treasurer George Jerome confirming the appointment of Nancy Bozinovich to the position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
3. Council President Rick Ryfa announced that late this afternoon, he received confirmation that Turnberry was certified by Hammond Sanitary District and construction may proceed

### REPORTS:

1. NIRPC - No Report
2. Public Works - No Report
3. Police - No Report
4. Fire - No Report
5. Economic Development - No Report

6. Pending Items

- a. Council President Rick Ryfa announced that petition signatures will be collected through August 26<sup>th</sup>
  - i. A special Council meeting will be held Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with the agenda limited to the Secession Referendum, Hammond Sanitary District issues and the BZA Findings of Fact regarding Quality Auto & U-Haul. Some claims will be paid.
- b. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to approve an agreement with Robinson Engineering for Design Engineering Services regarding Industrial Drive and 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council member Jim Marker moved to approve a Parking Lot Paving Agreement with Cheek 2 Cheek, LLC, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve a Personal Property Auction Contract with Kraft Auction Services for the sale of excess municipal property, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED
- e. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to continue the BZA Findings of Fact regarding a use variance for Quality Auto & U-Haul to allow a U-Haul truck rental business at 1581 N Cline, a B-3 Zoning District, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA:**

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None

2. NEW BUSINESS

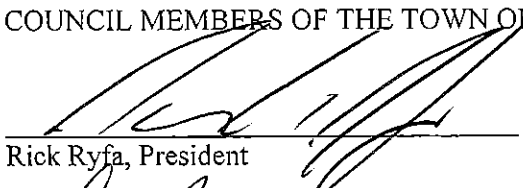
- a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Resolution 2016-33: A Resolution Regarding the Sale of Real Property, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED

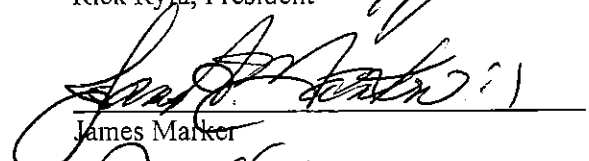
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Nora Herrera, 730 Heather Ct has concerns about the height of her curb at the driveway. Council President Ryfa asked if the problem was common in the area and promised to investigate.
- After a request by Boy Scout Troop 264, Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to permit the group to place banners advertising their annual craft fair and to provide \$500 from Tourism funds for the event. Council President Ryfa directed that a check be prepared based on the action of the council.

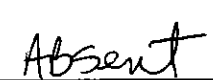
**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.**


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

  
Rick Ryfa, President

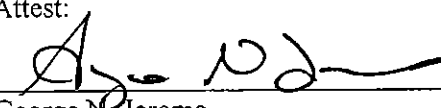
  
James Marker

  
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Attest:

  
George N. Jerome  
Clerk-Treasurer