

August 2, 2016

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the August 2, 2016 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Officer Jonathan Guzman, San Diego, CA Police Department
Deputy Sheriff Craig Hutchison, Travis County Texas Sheriff's Office

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Larry Ballah - Absent
Rick Ryfa
Patricia Schaadt
Tony Hobson

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance - Police Chief
Roy Schoon - Fire Chief
Steve McDermott - Building Commissioner
Rick Konopasek - Public Works Director
Bob Schwerd - Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to adopt the minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claim No. 7888 - 8038 in the amount of \$869,478.79 (eight hundred sixty-nine thousand, four hundred seventy-eight dollars and seventy-nine cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a council study session Tuesday August 9th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday August 16th 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Council member Pat Schaadt moved to approve a request from St Mary Church to place banners advertising Western Days at various locations in town, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED

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. The town continues to collect signatures to place the secession question on a special election ballot - We have about 1000 signatures so far.
 - b. Council Member Jim Marker moved to authorize Council President Ryfa to sign a revised SWAT Inter-Local Agreement, 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 Tony Hobson moved to approve Resolution 2016-32: A Resolution Regarding the Commemoration of Indiana's Admission into the Union, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Jim Marker moved to defer action on the BZA Findings of Fact regarding Quality Auto & U-Haul's request for a Use Variance at 1581 N Cline, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED
 - i. The issue will be addressed at the August 16, 2016 Council meeting
- c. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to affirm the BZA Findings of Fact regarding a Use Variance to allow Set Em Up, Inc to operate a business outside an enclosed building at 135 N Broad St, a B-2 Zoning District, second by Council Member Jim Marker. With Council Member Tony Hobson abstaining, MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

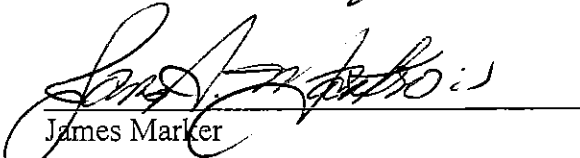
- Mike Kitzmiller, 121 N Raymond inquired about the number of vehicles allowed at a residence


There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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



Rick Ryfa, President


Patricia Schaadt


James Marker


Tony Hobson

ABSENT
Larry Ballah

Attest:

George N Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer