

July 19, 2016

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 19, 2016 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Patricia Schaadt
Tony Hobson

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Police Chief
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to adopt the minutes of the July 5, 2016 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claim No. 7553 - 7887 in the amount of \$1,982,310.04 (one million, nine hundred eighty-two thousand, three hundred ten dollars and four 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 on Tuesday July 26th
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting one will follow if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to approve Resolution 2016-31: A Resolution in support of Senate Resolution 12 regarding the Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program in Lake and Porter Counties, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Griffith has been asked to participate in a special Lake County Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project
- c. Council Member Pat Schaadt read a letter from Enbridge regarding Line 6B Replacement Post-Construction Environmental Monitoring

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works – No Report
3. Police – No Report
4. Fire – No Report
5. Economic Development – No Report
6. Pending Items
 - a. Council President Ryfa discussed the Road Projects that may be undertaken using the State Matching Road Grant funds. He emphasized that the Town of Griffith has no plan to implement a Wheel Tax as some other communities have done; stating that sound fiscal management has provided the money necessary to improve and maintain our roads without an additional burden on our taxpayers.
 - b. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to award the Trash and Recycling Collection and Disposal contract to Republic Services, noting that the Director of Public Works and Town Attorney determined that they were the most responsive and responsible bidder, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

- c. Council President Ryfa provided an update regarding the process of seceding from Calumet Township.
 - i. He announced that there will be a petition signing rally in Central Park on Tuesday July 26th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The rally is being organized by Laura Gaby and Liz Goral.
 - ii. Petitions will also be taken door-to-door to ensure sufficient signatures are gathered.
- d. Council Member Jim Marker moved to authorize Council President Ryfa to sign a revised Inter Local agreement regarding Bike Trail Signage, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA:

None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to approve Ordinance 2016-25: An Ordinance Approving the issuance of Park District Bonds Series 2016 and the Proceeds Thereof, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

2. NEW BUSINESS

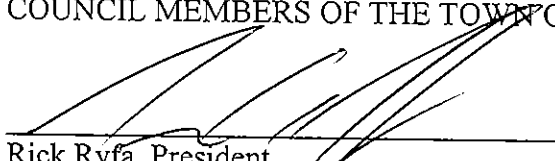
- a. Council Member Pat Schaadt introduced Ordinance 2016-27: An Ordinance Revising the Salary Ordinance for 2016 on first reading.
 - i. Due to the minor nature of the revisions, Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to suspend the rules to permit passage at this meeting, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. With a roll call vote indicating unanimous support, the MOTION CARRIED
 - ii. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Ordinance 2016-27, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- NONE

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


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


Rick Ryfa, President

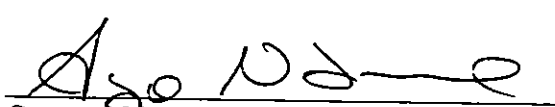

Patricia Schaadt


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Larry Ballah

Attest:


George N. Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer