

July 5, 2016

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 5, 2016 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Roy Schoon - Fire Chief
Rick Konopasek - Public Works Director
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 June 21, 2016 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claim No. 7380 - 7552 in the amount of \$1,147,520.00 (one million, one hundred forty-seven thousand, five hundred twenty dollars and zero 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 be a council study session on Tuesday July 12th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday July 19th 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 1st Annual Blues Fest was very successful and will likely become an annual event.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to provide a contribution to South Lake County Community Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,080.00 to help fund Demand-Response Bus Service for Griffith residents, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

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 announced that petitions to place the secession from Calumet Township question on the ballot will soon be circulated.
 - b. Griffith's participation in the uniform Bike Trail Signage will be determined at the next meeting
 - c. The Council has taken the issue of old BF&S invoices under advisement

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA:

None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Council President Ryfa will contact Umbaugh to request that, in light of healthcare cost changes, they update the April 19, 2016 Water Rate Study recommendations.

- b. Council Member Jim Marker moved to approve Ordinance 2016-16: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 86 Zoning Article XVI, Signs, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. Motion Carried
- c. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Ordinance 2016-24: An Ordinance Regarding a PUD – Turnberry at Trail Creek, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED

2. NEW BUSINESS

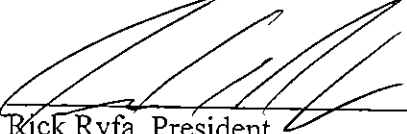
- a. Council Member Jim Marker moved to affirm the BZA Findings of Fact regarding a Use Variance to allow Asada Grill and Cantina to conduct business outside of an enclosed building at 216 S Broad St, a B-2 Zoning District, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Bids for the Collection and Disposal of Trash and Recyclables were opened
 - i. Three bidders offered prices ranging from \$13.50 to \$23.85 per household.
 - ii. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to refer the bids to Town Attorney Schwerd and Public Works Director Konopasek for review and recommendation, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Pat Schaadt introduced on 1st reading, Ordinance 2016-25: An Ordinance Approving the Issuance of Park District Bonds and Appropriations of the Proceeds Thereto.

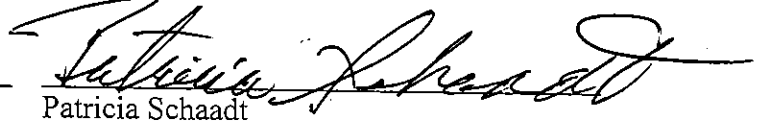
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Public Works Director Konopasek announced that the bridge over Turkey Creek on S Colfax will probably be replaced beginning this fall.
- Gene Mull, 206 N Wiggs discussed concerns about the property being rehabbed at 202 N Wiggs
- Rich Royce, 209 N Earnest had concerns about the same property
- James Lewis of Calumet City requested to hold a fundraising event at Griffith Park Plaza. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to have the Town Attorney review the request and recommend action, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p. m.

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



Rick Ryfa, President


Patricia Schaadt



James Marker

ABSENT

Tony Hobson


Larry Ballah

Attest:


George N Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA, PARK DISTRICT BONDS, SERIES 2016 AND THE APPROPRIATION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF, AND CERTAIN MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Board of the Department of Parks and Recreation, governing body of the Park District of the Town of Griffith, Indiana (the "District"), contemplates the issuance of bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Six Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$605,000) (the "Bonds") to finance certain projects in the District, including all or any portion of: (1) the planning, design, construction, supervision, development, improvement and/or equipping of certain parks and park facilities including, without limitation: (a) replacing playground mulch with rubberized surface; (b) repaving asphalt areas in parking lots and seating areas around baseball fields; (c) replacing aging/damaged bleachers; (d) building a concession stand; (e) purchasing benches and trash containers for parks and bike trails; (f) installing restrooms; (g) installing water fountains along bike trails; and (h) replacing trucks, mowers, picnic tables and other equipment as needed; (2) any other related improvements thereto; (3) capitalized interest on the Bonds, if necessary; and (4) expenses incurred in connection with or on account of the issuance of the Bonds (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Indiana Code 6-1.1-17-20.5 and Indiana Code 36-10-3-25, each as amended, the Bonds may not be issued without the approval of the fiscal body of the Town of Griffith, Indiana (the "Town"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town (the "Town Council"), as the fiscal body of the Town, now desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof (the "Additional Appropriation");

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

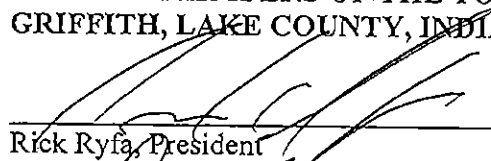
1. Pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-17-20.5 and Indiana Code 36-10-3-25, the Town Council hereby approves the issuance of the Bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$605,000, and approves the Additional Appropriation, to be made out of the proceeds thereof and any investment earnings thereon, in order to finance the payment of all or any portion of the costs of the Project, all incidental expenses incurred in connection therewith, and the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds (a) may be issued in one or more series, (b) with respect to each series of the Bonds, shall have a final maturity date no later than February 1, 2019, and (c) shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding three percent (3.0%) per annum. The Bonds shall be payable from special *ad valorem* property taxes to be levied and collected on all taxable property within the District.

2. Any member of the Town Council, and the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town, and any other officer, employee or agent of the Town is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Town, to execute and deliver any contract, agreement, certificate, instrument or other document and to take any action as such person determines to be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution of such contract, agreement, certificate, instrument or other document or such person's taking of such action.

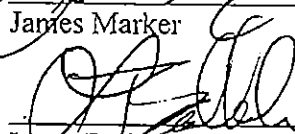
3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

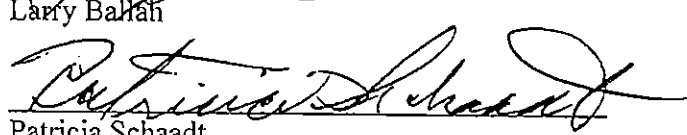
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 19th day of July, 2016.

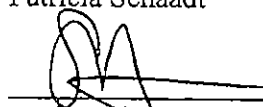
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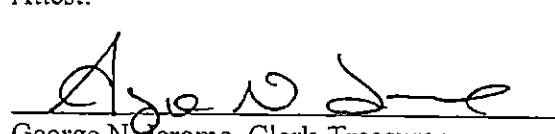

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