

March 3, 2020

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the March 3, 2020 meeting to order at 7:03 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:

- Corporal Andrew Gillette

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police -Absent
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Sheri Bradtke-McNeil – Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief -
Don Hill – Asst. Fire Chief
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works
Keith Martin – Police Dept.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No 27247-27390 \$994,087.11 Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a Town Council Study session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow if necessary.
3. There will be a Redevelopment Commission Meeting On Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Amy Gidley, from the Panther Adult Program, Griffith High School is requesting the Town Council to declare March as Disability Awareness Month for the Town of Griffith, Council member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve, seconded by Council member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
2. Safety Board is recommending to Town Council two new hires for the Fire Department, Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to hire Rebecca Roberts and Jose Bugarin, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

- Public Works – No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – Saturday, March 28, 2020 Fundraiser at Bridges Scoreboard 6pm – 10pm, 100th anniversary.
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance - No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE
BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board and Commission appointments:
Councilman James Marker made a motion to appoint Mike Patterson to the Park Board, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah, Motion Carried.
2. Resolution 2020-08 Resolution to Transfer Appropriations within Various Funds,
Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Findings of Fact from Plan Commission:
Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve the zoning change on property 234 S Broad St. from B-2 to R-2, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.
Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve the zoning change on property 315 W 35th Ave, from R-3 to B-3, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.

PENDING ITEMS:

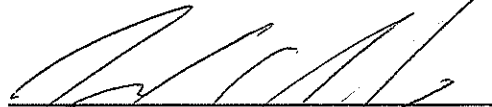
- Township: Third reading passed, moving on to Senate, assessed values are up
- Golf Course: No report
- Water billing issues: trying to resolve

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Sue Katona asked if we are to move to another township will Griffith be re-assessed.
2. A Griffith resident asked why the other townships would not take Griffith
3. Jim Masters spoke about the bike trail and some areas having large cracks, requesting they be fixed
4. Tim Diamond stated he has quotes regarding having repairs done on the bike trail
5. Kathy Planner spoke regarding the Panther Adult Program being so awesome.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34p.m..

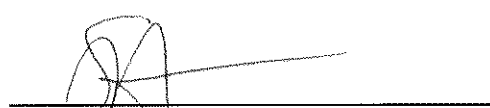
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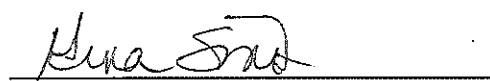

Rick Ryfa – President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer