

**October 6, 2020**

## **TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the October 6, 2020 meeting to order at 7:00 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:

- Police Officer Jacob Hancher
- Detective Kevin Collins

### **ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins - Absent

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 as presented, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Claims No. 30128-30447 \$1,437,359.58 Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20, 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.
2. There will be a Re-Development meeting on October 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm; there will be study session before the meeting at 6:00.
3. There will not be a Town Council Meeting on November 3, 2020.
4. There will be Trick or Treating October 31, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### **COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

### **REPORTS:**

- Public Works – Household waste, over 600 cars. Thank you to Chief Mance for handling traffic control.
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance - No Report

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request from Griffith Public Schools for Fire Work Display: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.

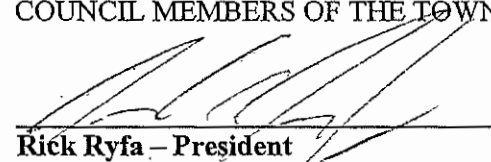
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bob McGinnis stated he was here two weeks ago, came to Town hall, he met Rick Konopasek at the door to pay his permit, there was not an amount ready. Mr. McGinnis stated he called the building department and left several messages, he feels he is getting the run around. Mr. Konopasek stated he spoke with Steve McDermott, to date there had not been an application completed, but they do have the amount of \$21,430.00. Oakwood Properties needs to complete an application.

Council President Rick Ryfa suggested to Mr. McGinnis he could leave the check with Clerk Treasurer Gina Smith; we can hold the check in the safe or escrow. Mr. McGinnis asked if his letter had been received. Mr. Konopasek said it was not a letter it was a statement, he left for Mr. Konopasek and Council President Rick Ryfa.

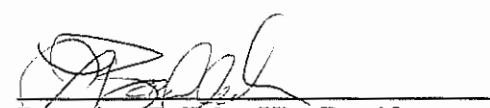
**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.**

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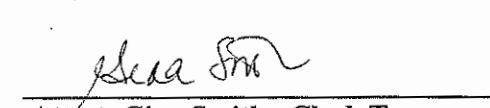
  
Rick Ryfa – President

  
James Marker

  
Melissa Robbins - Absent

  
Lawrence Ballah – Vice President

  
Tony Hobson

  
Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer