

# **June 21, 2016**

## **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 21, 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 June 7, 2016 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claim No. 7131 - 7379 (excluding 7349, 7351, 7352, 7356 & 7359) in the amount of \$1,299,640.93 (one million, two hundred ninety-nine thousand, six hundred forty dollars and ninety-three 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 June 28<sup>th</sup>.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Blues Fest will be in Central Park July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pine Street will be closed
4. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will step off at 10:00 a.m. Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>
5. An Independence Day Run will take place along the parade route starting at 9:00 a.m. July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Received old BF&S invoices
  - a. The council is still reviewing the invoices and will set a meeting with BF&S to discuss the issue

### **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. The Council continues to review the Umbaugh Water Rate recommendations
  - b. The Council continues to review the Antero proposal regarding development at Ridge and Cline
  - c. Council President Ryfa reported that the Town is still waiting for the DLGF to confirm the data that will trigger a referendum.
  - d. Issues related to the HSD are still being discussed with regulatory agencies.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA:**

Kim Roush, 1208 N Wheeler had a question regarding the potential switch to Gary Sanitary District. Council President stated that it was not economically viable

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. The Council is still reviewing the Bike Trail Signage proposal; Council Member Jim Marker, Public Works liaison will ask Public Works Director Rick Konopasek to provide the Council with an update

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Council Member Tony Hobson introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance 2016-16: An Ordinance Regarding Signs
- b. Council Member Larry Ballah introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Ordinance 2016-24: An Ordinance Regarding a PUD – Turnberry at Trail Creek

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Joe Kras, 1215 Sawgrass asked if the PUD Ordinance was finalized
- Kim Roush, 1208 N Wheeler requested a street light for the 1200 block of N Wheeler as well as discussed vacant lots in Griffith

**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p. m.**

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

<div><div></div><div>Rick Ryfa, President</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Patricia Schadt</div></div>
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	<div><div></div><div>George N Jerome</div><div>Clerk-Treasurer</div></div>