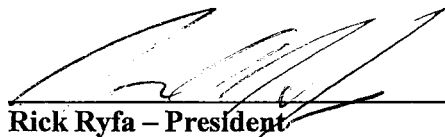


Rose Johnson, asked about the bids? She stated she was at a meeting and thought it was set to go, Council President Rick Ryfa stated the process, advertise, receive the bids and review.

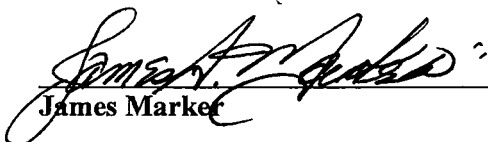
Rick Konopasek, regarding # 8 he asked if the plans and design are in concrete, Council President Rick Ryfa stated they are not, has more meetings and more to review. Rick Konopasek asked if there would be room for a bathroom? Rather than out houses sitting all weekend and Monday and Tuesday, they are very intrusive for the residents to look at, possible to add a bathroom? He asked about putting the outhouses in the tent reserved for the band members, its very carnival looking and unsightly all summer. Council President Rick Ryfa stated the restrooms are very costly, we have a cleaning crew for the restrooms. People don't respect them and damage. We will look at the cost. Rick Konopasek asked if the outhouses are for the band members only, Council President Rick Ryfa stated they are not only for the band members. Council President Rick Ryfa stated we want to offer good service to our patrons. But not possible to put the out houses inside the tent, that would not be fair to the workers. If we still have issues in June we will look into what can be done.

**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.**

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

  
Rick Ryfa – President

  
Lawrence Ballah – Vice President

  
James Markel

ABSENT  
Tony Hobson

  
Melissa Robbins - Absent

  
Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

**8. Introduce Ordinance No. 2021-21 Providing funds to pay for certain park projects and incidental expenses:** Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Indiana, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of providing Funds to pay for certain Park projects and incidental expenses in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of the bonds; and appropriating the proceeds thereof this goes along with Council Member Tony Hobson notation earlier, issuing the bonds in the amount of \$3,760,000.00 help pay for Park Projects, Council Member Larry Ballah stated this is the first reading, no action needed this evening. Council President Rick Ryfa stated the Park projects include any improvements at Central and other Parks, the bike trail from border to border and other miscellaneous.

**9. Ordinance No 2021-22 Amending Section 14-106 fees:** This is a restructuring of the way we charge fees in the building department. This will bring us up to the times, such as project fees, inspection fees, etc. Council Member Tony Hobson stated this is the first reading, no action this evening, Council President Rick Ryfa stated this is not an increase in specific fees, just an easier way to calculate.

**10. Central Park Improvement Agreement:** Agreement with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, to approve the pay schedule for the Engineer: Council Member James Marker made a motion to allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign this agreement, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Council Member Tony Hobson asked if the fees were not to exceed \$26,600.00, Council Member James Marker amended the motion, Motion Carried.

**11. Park Board Appointment:** Council Member Larry Ballah stated there is a vacancy on the Park board, Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to Re-Appoint Tony Terzari, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.

#### **Pending Items:**

- 1. Sidewalk Replacement Program:** Covered in several items this evening.
- 2. Airport Advisory Committee:** Council President Rick Ryfa state the Advisory Committee has been formed, there will be a meeting notice sent out for request of dates. George Jerome has offered to be the Chairman for the committee. Council President Rick Ryfa asked Michelle Velez to move forward with sending out the notices.

#### **Public Comment:**

Don McCarter asked about the Park improvements, he had heard about a new pavilion and sidewalks. Council President Rick Ryfa stated that at our last meeting the Engineers gave a detail outline of the project. Don also asked about permits, are the fees going up? Council President Rick Ryfa stated the fees would be based on projects this would be the valuation of the total costs. Council Tony Hobson stated this will be about keeping the fees down, easier way to calculate the fees, about the same fees. Don stated he was questioning about the fees for the schools as well, Council President Ryfa stated this will be simple for the schools, the town had approved to reduce the fees by 75%. If for some reason the 25% doesn't cover then it would be addressed later.

Jim Masters, wanted to thank the Town Council for beginning the process on the bike path, asked for details on the project. Council President Rick Ryfa stated they are working on the project. The Trail head timing is on schedule, the Broad Street paving is getting ready.

## REPORTS:

- Public Works- No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance Report – No Report

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

## BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Salary Ordinance Amendment: Ordinance 2021-18:** Council Member James Marker stated this is the first reading, changing the rate ranges of the Park Department: Activities Director Bi weekly \$12.24 to \$20.00, Park Hourly Supervisor Bi weekly \$12.00-\$20.00, Laborer Bi weekly \$8.00 to \$14.00, First Reading.
- 2. Local Roads and Matching Grant Agreement:** Council Member Larry Ballah stated this is an agreement between The Town of Griffith and the Indiana Department of Transportation, the amount of Grant is \$206,458.85. Route Name Oak Street, From Jay Ave to Colfax St. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to accept this Grant, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.
- 3. Permission to advertise for Reder Road Water Line, Advertisement to Bidders - Reder Road Water Main Extension:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion that we allow the advertisement to the bidders, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
- 4. Permission to advertise for the Sidewalk Program – Contract A & Contract B:** Council Member James Marker made a motion to authorize permission to advertise, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
- 5. Contract for CDBG Central Park Sidewalk Reconstruction:** Council Member Larry Ballah stated this is an agreement between the Town of Griffith and H3 in the amount of \$133,935.80 which was discussed in a prior meeting, Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to sign the contract so the work can begin, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
- 6. Resolution 2021-19: Declaring an Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures:** Council Member Tony Hobson stated we will be spending some money in the Parks and will reimburse from the Bond, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-19, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
- 7. Resolution 2021-20 Approving a second addendum to a certain lease agreement between the Griffith Redevelopment Authority and the Griffith RDC:** Council Member James Marker stated this is a Resolution to refinance Bonds saving the Town of Griffith \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00, Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.

**May 18, 2021**

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

Council President Rick Ryfa called the May 18, 2021 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:**

Detective Luca Benedetti  
Deputy Sheriff Samuel Alexander Leonard  
Deputy Sheriff Stephen Jones  
Police Officer Jimmy Inn

### **ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins Absent

### **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  
Trisha Kistler – Interim Director of Public Works

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Claims # 33208-33416 \$896,733.90, Council Member James 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, June 1, 2021, 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.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Park Full of Art – Tourism Funds: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to grant \$500.00 to the Park Full of Art, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
2. Park Full of Art – Hang Banners around town: Council Member Tony Hobson stated the Park Full of Art will be held on July 17, & 18, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to allow them to advertise their event with banners as long as they are posted in the allowable 2-week time, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.