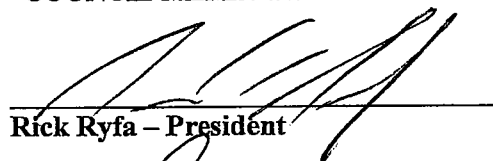


Maria Menchaca: I live on Broad St. and was wondering about mowing by the ditches, Council President Rick Ryfa wondered if that was county. She will talk to Andy Raab.

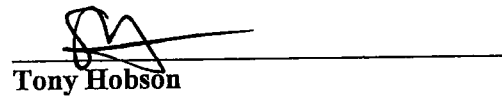
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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

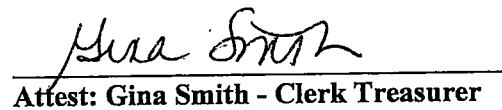

Rick Ryfa – President


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

4. Resolution 2021-37 Authorizing execution of purchase agreement with Hammond

Water: The Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Indiana has determined that is in the best interest of the Town of Griffith to enter into a Purchase Agreement with the Hammond Water Works as set forth in said Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to Adopt Resolution 2021-37, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

5. Agreement for Professional Services with Telamon Enterprise Ventures, LLC:

Development of the former Golf Course with installing some solar generating panels. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion that we accept this agreement and allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the agreement, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.

6. Agreement between Griffith Public Schools and the Town of Griffith: This is to share the Social Worker with the schools, Griffith Public Schools will reimburse the Town of Griffith 40.8% of the employee's wage and benefit costs for the duration of the interlocal agreement. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion that we allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the agreement, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.

Pending Items:

- 1. Sidewalk Replacement Program:** We accepted the bids on the last Monday, they did come in considerably higher than our engineering estimates, which were somewhere in the range of nine million dollars, and these came in around twelve million. We will be reviewing with the engineers with some outside attorneys, reviewing the bids to see why they may have been so high then make some decisions. This will happen in the next couple of weeks, thorough review of the bids.
- 2. Airport Advisory Committee:** There will be an advisory committee meeting hopefully next Wednesday at 6:00 pm.
- 3. Hammond Water Works Agreement:** We just discussed this so we will be removing this from Pending Items
- 4. Council Member Tony Hobson mentioned that one of our regular attendees Marilyn,** will be having surgery next Friday the 13th, she is one of our Trail Creek regular so anyone that believes in pray please say a little prayer for her.

Public Comment:

Rosalinda Villreal: Asked about added sidewalks, will forward to engineers check back in a few weeks.

Kristina Menchaca Torres: On July 13th, her dog was attacked by two pit bulls, previous bitten, ordinance for dangerous animals, numerous incidents, one was shot by a neighbor, the dogs are not immunized, Chief Mance stated the owner was cited and will have to appear, we are hopeful the Judge will impose something to resolve the issue. Chief will follow up.

Steven Richey: Asked about the Solar Panels, please explain, Council President Rick Ryfa stated we have been working on this for months, we have a firm that would do the engineering architect. This would be a 10-acre solar farm this would primarily power the Griffith Sanitary Station out there, right now the nipsco cost are around \$290,000.00 plus, so this would power that entirely. The Solar Panel cost would be paid off in approximately 5 years, the outlay that we would go for that would be completely paid off after 5 years. Big savings! The wetlands no possible way for a building could go there. The funds would go directly into the Sanitary fund. Entire acreage is 55 acres.

the 9th thru the festival, to be taken down directly after, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

3. Request from St. Mary Church to place banners throughout town for their St. Mary's Festival. Requesting to put banners up this weekend, August 8th thru the 22nd, after their festival. Council Member James Marker made a motion that we authorize them to place their banners around town this weekend and taken down after the festival on the 22nd, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

- Public Works- No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – Chief Schoon wanted to remind that our 100th birthday celebration will be August 22, 2021 at Central Park, noon to 3:00 pm.
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance Report – No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. General Service Agreement: Reder Road and Colfax Street Sanitary Sewer Study:

Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. understands that various owners along Reder Road and Colfax St. are looking for sanitary sewer from the Town of Griffith. Additionally, the Town of Griffith is anticipating development east of the Octagon Property and is looking for possible options to provide sanitary sewer service. BF&S proposes to develop the following with the assumption that the area is planned for residential with light industrial use on the northern boundary. Upon completion BF&S will discuss findings with the Town of Griffith and identify any next steps if required. We have determined that our efforts will result in an estimated total cost of \$9,750.00 to be billed to the Town of Griffith on an hourly not to exceed basis in accordance with the terms of our General Services agreement. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion that we allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign this agreement, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.

2. **Task Order #2-Rule 13MS4 Stormwater Permit Compliance:** This comes from BF&S, we are seeking their help in terms of developing some of the things that we have to do for this MS4 storm water permit. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion that we accept this proposal and allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign, total estimated cost of \$7,700.00 for their engineering part, seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.

3. Resolution 2021-36 Authorizing Execution of Settlement Agreement with Hammond

Water: Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Indiana has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town of Griffith to enter into a Settlement Agreement with the Hammond Water Works as set forth in said Settlement Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved; Council Member James Marker made a motion to authorize the Griffith Town Council to execute said agreement, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Council President Rick Ryfa stated in a previous meeting we agreed to the settlement this is formalizing to be a Resolution for official records, Motion Carried.

August 3, 2021

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the August 3, 2021 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Sergeant Jeremy Brown
Deputy Sheriff Phillip Campas
Police Officer Marquis Moorer
Police Officer Ryan Bialke
Trooper Micah May

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Sheri Bradtke McNeil – Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims # 34444-34679 \$975,472.22 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, August 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a study session before the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and one will follow if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Request from Griffith Cross Country: Car wash, Saturday, August 14, 2021, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve and authorize the car wash on August 14th, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm., at the Franklin Center, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
2. Troop 264: Requesting their 42nd annual craft festival, dates are September 24th (set up), 25th 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, 26th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Organization is also requesting a donation for advertising and permission to place banners and signs within town limits. They would like to put the signs up on Thursday, September 9, 2021 and will remove them by October 4, 2021. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion we approve their request for the craft festival, and we make a donation of \$500.00 for advertising through our tourism fund, we do allow the banners for a two-week period, possibly from