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8. **Resolution 2021-52:** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Griffith Indiana Adopting the Americans with Disabilities act (ADA), Council Member James Marker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-52, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.
9. **Resolution 2021-53** A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Griffith Indiana Adopting Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities act (ADA), Council Member James Marker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-53, for Title IV seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried. Council President Rick Ryfa stated with the new sidewalk we will have handicap accessible sidewalks, this is something the federal government is requiring if we are to continue to receive any federal government dollars we must have a plan in place, this part of the sidewalk project will then convert all of our corner's intersections to the handicap accessible ones.

PENDING ITEMS:

1. **Sidewalk replacement Program:**
2. **Airport Advisory Committee:**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

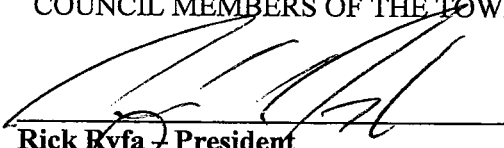
Don McCarter asked about the funds for Central Park where they came from, Council President Rick Ryfa stated the funds are from a bonding issue we did.

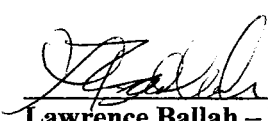
Tim Diamond had an announcement, this Saturday there is a handball tournament at Cheever Park, he was told by the coordinators there are actually professionals coming in from New York for the tournament, their goal is really to do two tournaments a year they want to be recognized having a national recognized tournament. Council President Rick Ryfa asked if there would be seating and Tim said yes.

A resident mentioned almost 2 years ago he had brought attention regarding a broken NIPSCO light, he questioned if there was something the town could do. Council President Rick Ryfa asked him to stay after the meeting to get information to pass along to our Public Works Director

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

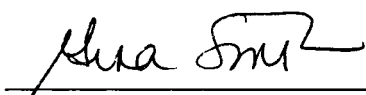

Rick Ryfa - President


Lawrence Ballah - Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2021-49 Budget Adoption:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 2021-49, for our Budget, adopted Tax Levy and adopted tax rate, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Roll Call, Council Member James Marker, in favor, Council Member Larry Ballah, absent, Council President Rick Ryfa, in favor, Council Member Melissa Robbins, in favor, Council Member Tony Hobson, in favor, Motion Passes.
2. **IT Proposal:** Council Member Melissa Robbins read a proposal to do some IT work, the quote includes an hourly rate of Ninety dollars per hour not to exceed 25 hours to complete an audit which will include identifying concerns, providing recommendations to address concerns and observations. If there is a need for additional services the billing would be ninety dollars per hour billed in 15-minute increments. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion that we approve this contract through Tucker Technologies to provide this work for our IT Department, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried. Council President Rick Ryfa stated our IT person had quit on Friday so we are going to be actively looking for an IT Specialist to replace him, we should have a job description posted soon, if anyone is interested please send a resume and we would love to talk to you.
3. **Award of Central Park Phase 1 to Gariup.** Council Member James Marker stated on September 21st, we received bids for the Central Park Phase 1 Project, the bids came back and Gariup Construction was determined to be the lowest responsive bidder, the attorneys and engineers recommended the project be awarded to Gariup Construction at the bid price of \$697,500.00. Council Member James Marker made a motion authorizing the Town Council President to sign off on this bid and the Central Park Phase 1 work, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
4. **Contract Execution for Central Park Phase 1:** Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve and authorize Council President Rick Ryfa to sign a contract and notice to proceed once the attorneys and engineers have approved the contract from Gariup on the Central Park Phase 1, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
5. **Redar Road Water Main Extension Contract Execution contingent upon review by attorney and engineer:** This is with Gatlin Plumbing, we solicited bids and they have already been determined to be the lowest bidder and reviewed, the work described as a Reder Road Water Main Extension, there are contracts here to sign for the extension. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to allow our Town Council President to sign the contract upon review, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Council President Rick Ryfa stated this water main extension is approximately a million dollars' worth of work, it will be primarily to bring the water to the Southeast portion of town with the Trail Creek Turnberry subdivision, there is very poor water quality. The infrastructure was not there for the expansion to get to as many homes as we have there now. This will dramatically improve the water quality. We will be using money that we receive from the Coronavirus funding from the Federal Government to pay for the expense of this extension. Motion Carried.
6. **Griffith Sidewalk Replacement Contract A:** Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to authorize Council President Ryfa to sign this after being reviewed by the attorneys and engineers, we awarded this contract in September, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
7. **Griffith Sidewalk Replacement Contract B:** Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to authorize Council President Ryfa to sign this after being reviewed by the

October 5, 2021

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the October 5, 2021 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Senior Police Officer William Jeffrey
Deputy Sheriff Matthew Locke
Deputy Sheriff Joshua Moyers
Sergeant Nick Risner

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah - Absent
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
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works - Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims # 34928-35528 \$934,945.99 Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 19, 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. Trick or Treat hours, Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

REPORTS:

- **Director of Public Works:** No Report
- **Police** – No Report
- **Fire** – Open house will be Sunday 10/10/21 from noon to 4:00, dedication at 2:00 pm.
- **Building Commissioner** – No Report
- **Finance Report** – No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL: