

April 13, 2021

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the April 13, 2021 meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Lieutenant James Kouski
Sergeant James Smith

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
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 - Absent
Don Hill – Asst. Fire Chief - Absent
Trisha Kistler – Interim Director of Public Works - Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims # 32604-32956 \$2,015,691.11, 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, April 20, 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: NONE

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. **RDC Financial Report Approval:** Parker Criswell, from Reedy Financial went through the Financial Report for the RDC year 2020. Council President Rick Ryfa stated regarding the Revenue is primary from the Billboard and the Cell Tower at the golf course that is owned by RDC. This report has been approved by the Redevelopment Commission, pending approval by the Town Council. Council President Rick Ryfa entertained a motion to approve the RDC Financial Report for 2020, so moved by Council Member James Marker, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.

Pending Items:

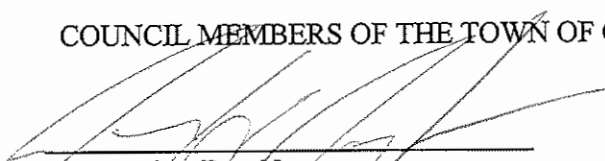
1. **Sidewalk Replacement Program:** Moving quickly, anticipate construction to start by the end of summer. 18 – 24 months, for full completion. 80% rated in need of replacement. We will prioritize accordingly. The engineers will set the schedule where to begin in town. We are working through a lot of issues, aprons, trees. We anticipate to roll out the Bond requirements next week.


Public Comment:

Bill Marler asked about the water meters. Council President Rick Ryfa stated there are issues and we are working on replacing. Based on recommendations we will be doing a full replacement. If anyone is being estimated please call in or write in your reading on your bills. We are working on proposals and will be getting bids.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14p.m.

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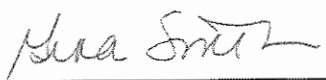

Rick Ryfa – President


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins - Absent


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer