

October 18, 2022

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa reconvened the October 4, 2022, meeting on October 18, 2022, at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Investigator Myiesha Breanna Stewart
Sergeant Dustin Demonte
Police Officer Alex Hamzy
Police Officer Truong Thai

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
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works - Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims \$796,952.32 (Various funds) Council Member Jim Maker 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, November 1, 2022, 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.
2. There will be a Re-Development Committee meeting on October 25, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

REPORTS:

- Director of 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. Ordinance 2022-38 Adoption for 2023 Budget: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-38 adopting the Budget, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Council President Rick Ryfa stated the budget is very comparable to last years, increase in assessed values in the Town of Griffith this year, gross assessed values went up over twenty eight percent, that should lower the tax rate, once the DLGF sends us the 1782 we will see actual tax rates, no other discussion, roll call taken all in favor, budget adopted as presented.
2. Agreement for Central Park Phase 2 Construction Inspection and Restroom Building Civil Site: For the inspection of work, time, and material it is not to exceed \$113,825.00, Council Member Jim Marker made a motion authorizing our Town Council President to sign this agreement, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
3. Agreement with Reedy Financial Group P.C. Wastewater Utility Services: Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion allowing Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the agreement, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
4. Ordinance No. 2022-40 First Reading Amending Ordinance 2021-26 adding UTV: Council Member Larry Ballah stated this is the first reading that will amend Ordinance No. 2021-26, which was an Ordinance amending chapter 74 of the Town of Griffith code adding Article 9 and authorizing the use of Golf carts and recreational off road vehicles on the streets and alleys, basically what we are adding with this amendment is adding to the list of vehicles UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle), this is the first reading no action is required this evening.

PENDING ITEMS:

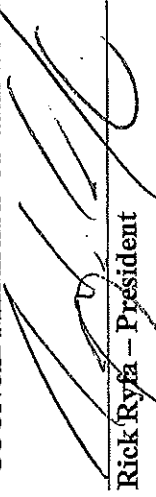
1. **Sidewalk replacement program:**
 - a. Construction Update:
 - b. Restoration: Catching up on landscaping
2. **PD/Town Hall Construction:** On hold

Public Comment:

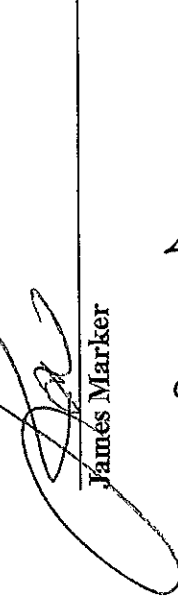
Kim: Thanked the Town Council for getting the sidewalks in and asked about the weeds Don: regarding the UTV he is concerned about the noise

This meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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

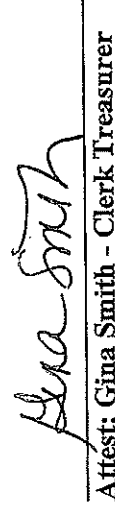

Rick Ryfa – President


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


James Marker

Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer