

## February 7, 2023

# TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the February 7, 2023, meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Police Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr.  
Police Officer Sean Sluganski

### 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 January 17, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims \$3,880,602.33 (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, February 21, 2023, 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:

### 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:** Stephanie, president of the Gary Shakespeare Company, requesting to perform at Central Park on July 30, 2023. We have been here the previous three years. Council President Rick Ryfa stated we would check to make sure it is available, it has been a nice event, free event, Council President entertained a motion to allow provided the park pavilion is open, Council Member Tony Hobson made the motion, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, Motion Carried.

### BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **EMS Board Appointment:** Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to appoint Curtis Adams to the EMS Board, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.
2. **BF&S Central Park Phase 2 Change Order #2** Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve Change Order # 2 for Central Park Phase 2 for Precision Builders, changing the columns for an additional \$18,278.00, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Motion Carried.
3. **BF&S Central Park Phase 2 Change Order #3:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Change Order # 3 dealing with the fencing also in conjunction with Change Order #2 in the amount of \$51,344.00, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.
4. **BF&S Broad St. and Oak St. Lighting:** The Town of Griffith has identified a lighting issue at the intersection of Broad St & Oak St. that is a safety issue at night for various festivals and events, the Town has asked BF&S to develop a plan and specifications for quoting for the quoting of the light installation. The project includes the design of two lights at the intersection along with associated wiring for the lights additionally the quote package will be developed. BF&S proposes to complete this task order in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Master General Service Agreement dated October 18, 2016 where between Butler Fairman & Seufert and the Town of Griffith for the lumpsum not to exceed \$9500.00. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion that we allow Town Council President Rick Ryfa and Public Works Director Andy Raab to sign this agreement, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Council Member Jim Marker stated great idea, Council President Rick Ryfa stated it will be well used all year and they will be able to turn on or off so they are not on all the time, All in favor, Motion Carried.

**PENDING ITEMS: NONE**

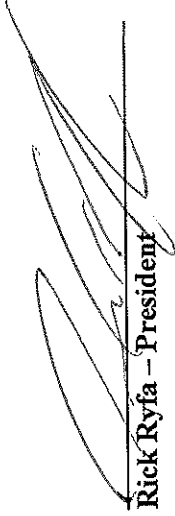
**Public Comment:**

Leah Dumezich: On behalf of the Griffith Public Schools extend ten tickets for Charlotte's Web for the new auditorium,

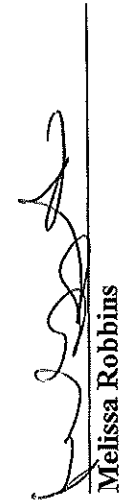
Jake Dammarrell (BF&S) We should officially reject all bids for the CDBG projects. Council President Rick Ryfa stated there had been a change in staff so yes that was supposed to be on the agenda, Jake stated that would be because were coming to the end there and of course those bids were much higher and we will be able to combine the CDBG funds provided through the County in order to capitalize on two more or less two years' worth of those funds and remitting. Council President Rick Ryfa stated we had previously solicited bids for an ADA compatible bathroom that would be placed near the new pavilion in Central Park, they came in significantly higher than our engineering estimates so we've got a plan that we think we can get them a little bit cheaper and we also find additional funds that we're going to receive this year. Council President Rick Ryfa entertained a motion to reject all the bids for the bathroom project that were supposed to be utilized for the CDBG funds, Council Member Jim Marker so moved, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**

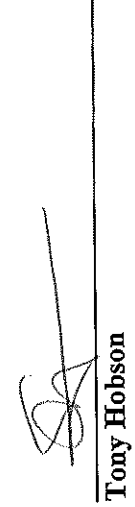
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Rick Rya - President

James Marker

  
Melissa Robbins

  
Lawrence Ballah - Vice President

  
Tony Hobson

  
Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

