

January 16, 2024

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the January 16, 2024, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Court Officer Rober J. Silver
Police Officer Tuan Le
Sergeant Marc Andrew McIntyre
Sergeant Philip Dale Nix
Deputy Sheriff Justin Smith
Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Malone

ROLL CALL:

James Marker -
Lawrence Ballah - Absent
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Alfredo Estrada – 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 December 29, 2023, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Various Funds \$1,472,905.07: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 4:30 pm. There will be a study following the meeting 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: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2024-1:** An Ordinance authorizing the Town of Griffith, Indiana to make temporary loans to meet current running expenses for the use of the General Fund of the Issuer, in anticipation of and not in excess of current taxes levied in the year 2023, and collectable in the year 2024; authorizing the issuance of temporary loan tax anticipation to warrants to the Indiana Bond Bank; and appropriating and pledging the taxes to be received in such funds to the punctual payment of such warrants including the interest thereon. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-1, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Council President Rick Ryfa stated this Ordinance is simply a modification of the Ordinance we passed on December 19th, and slightly modified to conform to the Indiana Bond Bank preferred forms. We chose to go with the Indiana Bond Bank due to a lower interest rate which is extremely helpful, all-in favor, Motion Carried. Ryfa stated the appropriation hearing that we held on December 19th is still in effect for those appropriations.

2. **Ordinance 2024-2:** An Ordinance amending the Salary and Wages for the Town of Griffith for the year 2024, minor changes, mostly impacting our Social Workers at our Police Department. Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, roll call taken all in favor, rules suspended, Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to pass the Ordinance 2024-2, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

3. **Board and Commission Appointments:**
Board of Zoning: Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to appoint Tom Wichlinski to the Board of Zoning for a four-year term, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

EMS: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to appoint Rob Bubala, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion carried.

Plan Commission: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to appoint Rob Bubala to the Plan Commission, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion carried.

Safety Board: Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to appoint, Ro-Ann Purgert to the Safety Board, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

Solid Waste Appointment: This is a Council Appointment: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to appoint Rick Ryfa, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.


Pending Items: NONE

Public Comment:

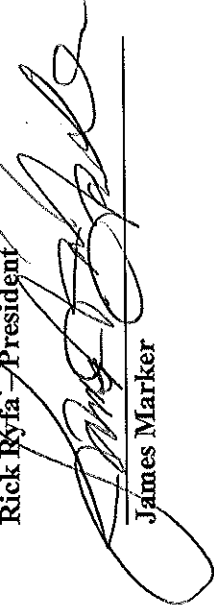
Jeff Csonka: Tax Anticipation Warrant, Additional Appropriations

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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




Rick Kyfa - President



James Marker

Lawrence Ballah - Vice President



Tony Hobson



Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

Melissa Robbins

