

March 5, 2024

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the March 5, 2024, meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Officer Cody Allen

Firefighters:

Safety Officer Louis Dunston
Battalion Chief John Garrow
Assistant Chief Tommy Lee
Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth
Firefighter Trevor Brown
Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Nelson

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 - Absent
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 February 20, 2024, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Various Funds: \$653,617.70: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 pm, and one will follow if necessary.
2. There will be a Water Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, following the Town Council Meeting.

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. **Griffith Semi-Annual and Overflow Report:** Reporting period of July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The Town of Griffith experienced zero SSO (Sanitary Super Overflow) events, the last SSO event experienced by the Town occurred on May 17, 2020. Attached is the Town of Griffith SSO Reporting Table identifying every SSO event that occurred between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, which was zero. Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to authorize President Rick Ryfa to sign off this document, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

2. **Update Events-July 26, 2024, Central Market:** Last meeting we announced our Event calendar, there was an error, we had July 19, 2024, being Central Market that is Park Full of Art, the Central Market date should have been July 26, 2024. Council President Rick Ryfa entertained a motion to approve the updated events, Council Member Tony made the motion, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

Pending Items: NONE

Public Comment:

Jackie Braum: Limit on number of dogs in a household Chief Mance replied five.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 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