

March 19, 2024

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the March 19, 2024, meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello

Firefighters:

Captain Roy Franklin
Chief Zeb Smith

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police - Absent
Building Commissioner
Alfredo Estrada – Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works
Jim Sibley – Police Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2024, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Various Funds: \$761,905.86: 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. There will be a Redevelopment meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:45 pm, there will be a study session at 6:30 pm, and one will follow if necessary.
2. The next Town Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 pm, 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: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proclamation March: Disability Awareness Month, Natalie spoke as the Director of Special Education for Griffith Public Schools.
2. **Amended Salary Ordinance 2024-4:** Council Member Tony Hobson stated this change is modifying a couple of positions to increase the ranges. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to suspend the rules to vote, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Mr. Estrada took the roll call, all in favor, rules suspended, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-4, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

3. **Supplemental Agreement No. 1 Main Street Reconstruction-Wood Street to Colfax Street:** Council Member Jim Marker stated there has been a little bit of change in the scope of work, however despite the additional changes we are going to be overall down \$500.00. Council Member Jim Marker made a motion approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

4. **Auction of Excess Police and Public Works Vehicles:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion allowing Police and Public Works to set an auction, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, President Rick Ryfa stated seven police cars, on a national website, will post on our website, all in favor, Motion Carried.

5. **Sale of Police Equipment:** Council Member Jim Marker made a motion authorizing the sale of Police Equipment, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

6. **Ordinance 2024-5 Authorizing the Building Administrator Approve Permits:** Council Member Tony Hobson stated we currently have a vacancy at the Building Commissioner position, so this will allow our building administrators to go ahead and approve and sign off on the permits. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to suspend the rules so we can vote on Ordinance 2024-5, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, rules suspended, Roll Call taken, all in favor, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-5, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried. Council President Rick Ryfa stated we do have an opening for Building Commissioner, the job will be posted in the next day or so on our Town Website. If anyone is interested in the position or qualified, please contact Town Hall or look for instructions on the website.

Break for the Water Board Meeting at 7:10 pm.
Return to the Town Council Meeting at 7:11 pm.

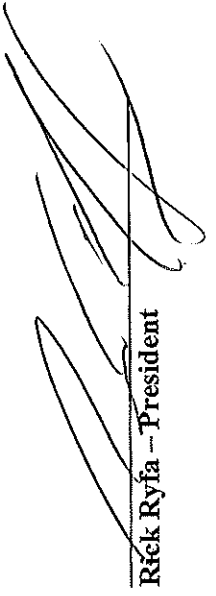
Pending Items: NONE

Public Comment:

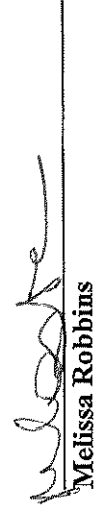
Gilbert Valdazo: Main Street project starting.
Leah: Contact for Building Department


There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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


Rick Ryfa - President

James Marker


Melissa Robbins

Lawrence Ballah - Vice President


Tony Hobson


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

