

**April 16, 2024**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the April 16, 2024, meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Police Officer Joseph McKinney

**FIREFIGHTERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:**

Safety Officer John Billy W. Bunardzy

Sergeant Richard Grivan

Engineer Heath J. O'Shea

**ROLL CALL:**

James Marker

Lawrence Ballah - Absent

Rick Ryfa

Tony Hobson

Melissa Robbins - Absent

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer

Greg Mance – Chief of Police

Building Commissioner

Alfredo Estrada – Attorney for the Town - Absent

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 April 2, 2024, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Various Funds: \$884,103.52: 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. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 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, May 7, 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:**

1. **2024 Community Crossing Matching Grant:** Council Member Tony Hobson stated the roads we are looking to do, with sewer and road improvements, are Wood and Main Street. Engineering has advised us to bid for our Wood Street project first. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion that we authorize to advertise to bid for our Wood Street, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, Council President Rick Ryfa clarified the road construction will be on Main Street, it will be a complete reconstruction of the road with addition of storm sewer, other infrastructure, curbs, gutters. Wood Street is the storm water portion of which will require us to lay pipe in the ground for the drainage to occur to get to the Wood Street pumping station eventually, all in favor Motion Carried.
2. **Fire Department Request:** The Griffith Fire Department is requesting permission to have their annual boot drive for the Hoosier Burn Camp from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Jim Marker made a motion authorizing Boot Drive and wished them Good Luck, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**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. **Central Park Phase 2 Change Order No. 6:** This is a decrease of \$56,082.19. Council Member Jim Marker made a motion approving Change Order No. 6, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.
2. **Supplemental Agreement No. 1 Broad Street and Avenue H Intersection Improvement Project:** This supplement will allow us to apply for matching funds 80/20. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.

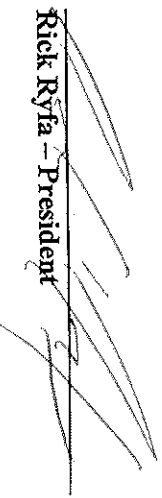
Pause: 7:09 pm Water Board  
Return 7:10 pm. Town Council

**Pending Items:** NONE

**Public Comment:** NONE

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.


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


  
Rick Ryla – President

  
Lawrence Ballah – Vice President

James Marker

Tony Hobson

  
Melissa Robbins

  
Attest Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer