

May 7, 2024

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the May 7, 2024, meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Police Officer Michael E. Jensen  
Lieutenant Michael Hoosock  
Deputy Sheriff Tobin Bolter  
Police Officer Luis M. Huesca  
Police Officer Kyle Hicks  
Police Officer Joshua Eyer  
Investigator Samuel Poloche  
Investigator William “Alden” Elliott  
Deputy U.S. Marshal Thomas M. Weeks  
Sergeant Bill Hooser

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Various Funds: \$661,969.34: Council Member Melissa Robbins 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. **Griffith Public Schools request Fireworks Display Permit:** During Graduation on June 6, 2024, from 7:00 pm to 7:20 pm. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow the Fireworks display during graduation, 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. General Service Engineering Agreement: Task Order No. 4-Discharge**

**Inspections:** We are looking to hire Wessler Engineering to do a discharge inspection at 420 South Colfax in Griffith, not to exceed \$3,600.00. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion that we enter into an agreement with Wessler for this task, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**Pending Items: NONE**

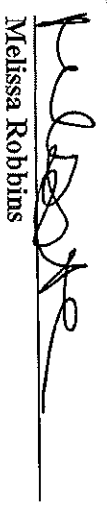
**Public Comment: NONE**

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 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