

June 18, 2024

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 18, 2024, meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY: None

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  
Lauren T. Konagel – Burke Costanza & Carberry  
Jose Vega – Burke Costanza & Carberry

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Various Funds: May 21, 2024, \$814,730.30 and June 18, 2024, \$912,985.78: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve both claims, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a Redevelopment meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 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, July 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.
3. Fireworks on June 29, 2024, at dusk in Central Park.
4. Country Market Weekend June 28, 29<sup>th</sup> Central Park.

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. **37<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa. August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to authorize the Pilgrimage which passes through Griffith on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.
  2. **Town Insurance:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to allow President Rick Ryfa to sign with Trident for the General coverage and with IPEP for the workers compensation, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.
- Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to amend the agenda and add The Attraction to the agenda, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.

3. **The Attraction LLC Business License: Originally issued on March 15, 2021.** Hearing for renewal of business license that The Attraction did not renew in 2022, 2023, 2024. Noted Ms. Wells declined legal representation. Ryfa stated the Council has a choice, we have already determined that we are going to at least refer part of this to the Plan Commission, we could make a ruling tonight, we could adjourn and address at the next Council meeting. Ryfa asked what the pleasure of the Council is. Council President Rick Ryfa stated let us refer this to the Plan Commission, to make sure the petitioner abided by what she stated on the application, Council Member Jim Marker made that motion, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor Motion Carried. Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to defer this matter to the next Council Meeting, July 2, 2024, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried. President Rick Ryfa stated to Ms. Wells if you would like to attend the next meeting we will most likely make a ruling, if there is anything you would like to present additionally at that time or if you would like to bring an attorney with you that would be a good time to do as well if you would like to be represented by an attorney please reach out to Law Offices of Burke, Costanza & Carberry and advise you have obtained counsel.

Pause for Water Board Meeting 7:42 pm.  
Return from Water Board Meeting 7:43 pm.

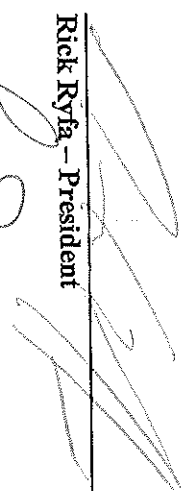
Pending Items: NONE

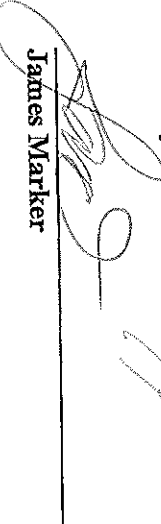
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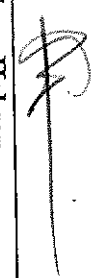
Don McCarter: asked Town Council and Plan Commission.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

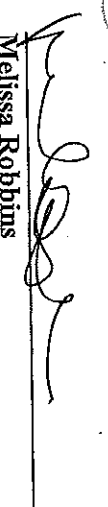
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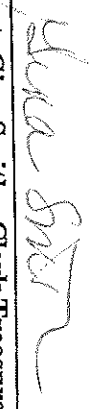
  
Rick Ryfa – President

  
James Marker

  
Lawrence Ballah – Vice President

  
Tony Hobson

  
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Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer