

June 17, 2025

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 17, 2025, meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Police Officer Samuel Riveros
Police Officer Timothy Ontiveros
Police Officer Gabriel Facio

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Al Tharp – Chief of Police
Building Commissioner - Absent
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works
Bryan E. Bott – Burke Costanza & Carberry Law Firm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$2,649,527.97, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 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 1, 2025, at 7:00 pm, there will be a study session at 6:30 pm and one will follow if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

REPORTS:

- Public Works- Main Street is about finished, hopefully open on Friday.
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Salary Amendment Ordinance 2025-6:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried. Roll call taken, all in favor, Rules suspended, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-6, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.
2. **Fireworks Display Permit, St. Mary's Western Days August 17, 2025:** Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the Fireworks Permit, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

PENDING ITEMS: NONE

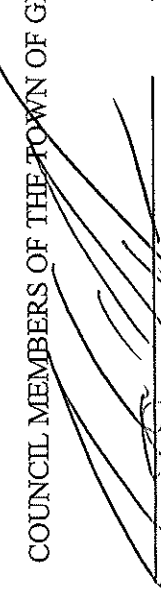
Water Board Meeting: Called to order 7:08 pm.
Adjournment 7:10 pm

Public Comment:

Changing table at Central Park restroom: People keep breaking.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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

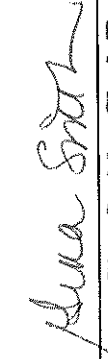

Rick Ryfa – President


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer