

January 5, 2016

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the January 5, 2016 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Jim Marker
Pat Schaadt
Tony Hobson

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance - Chief of Police
Roy Schoon - Fire Chief
Bob Schwerd - Attorney for the Town

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. Council Member Larry Ballah nominated Rick Ryfa for the position of Council President, there were no other nominations. Passed by acclamation.
2. Council Member Pat Schaadt nominated Larry Ballah for the position of Council Vice President, there were no other nominations. Passed by acclamation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to adopt the minutes of the December 29, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next council meeting will be Tuesday January 12th at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.
2. There will be a council study session on Tuesday January 19th at 5:30 p.m.
3. There will be a council meeting Tuesday January 26th at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.
4. The Council will return to regularly scheduled meetings beginning in February

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council Member Jim Marker moved to reappoint Tom Wichlinski to the BZA for a 4-year term ending 12/31/19, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to reappoint Helen Toweson to the EMS Board for a 3-year term ending 12/31/18, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council President Rick Ryfa reappointed Gina Smith to the Park Board for a 4-year term ending 12/31/19
- d. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to appoint Stan Dobosz to fill the unexpired Plan Commission term of Jennifer Smith, ending 12/31/18 and appointing Council Member Tony Hobson to the Plan Commission

- vacancy created by Councilman Stan Dobosz's retirement, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED
- e. Council President reappointed Susan Schaub, Robert Kurtz and Rich Miller to one-year terms on the Redevelopment Commission
 - f. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to reappoint Don Wiltfong and Rich Leber to one-year terms on the Redevelopment Commission, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
 - g. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to reappoint Ro-Ann Purgert to the Safety Board for a three-year term ending 12/31/18, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
 - h. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to reappoint Jim Hennes to the Storm Water Board for a three-year term ending 12/31/18, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED
 - i. Two remaining vacancies remain on the Plan Commission have been deferred
 - j. Council President Rick Ryfa nominated Jim Marker to be President of the Finance Committeeⁱ, Jim Marker nominated Rick Ryfa for the same position. There were no other nominations. In order of the nomination, a roll call vote was taken and by a vote of four in favor and one opposed, Jim Marker was elected president of the Finance Committee.
 - k. Council President Rick Ryfa nominated Tony Hobson to be Vice-President of the Finance Committee. There were no other nominations. Passed by acclamation
 - l. Council Member Larry Ballah nominated Rick Ryfa to be President of the Water Board.ⁱⁱ There were no other nominations. Passed by acclamation
 - m. Council President Rick Ryfa nominated Pat Schaadt as Vice President of the Water Board. There were no other nominations. Passed by acclamation
 - n. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to reappoint Council Member Rick Ryfa to the Lake County Solid Waste Management District, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Board of Public Worksⁱⁱⁱ

- a. Board Member Rick Ryfa nominated Larry Ballah for the position of Board President, there were no other nominations. Passed by acclamation.
- b. Board President Larry Ballah nominated Jim Marker for the position of Board Vice President, there were no other nominations. Passed by acclamation.
- c. Board Member Rick Ryfa moved to appoint Board Member George Jerome to be the Board Representative to the Lake County Solid Waste Management District, second by Board Member Tony Hobson. MOTION CARRIED – *NOTE: This is a Board President appointment but without objection, may be made by motion.*
- d. Board Member George Jerome reviewed the financial position of each utility and noted that the Water Utility had expenses well in excess of revenue during 2015.
 - i. Board Member Rick Ryfa listed some of the major capital expenses expected for the Sewer and Storm Water Utilities, including: \$500,000 plus for repairs to the Interceptor line, \$600,000 for variable speed pumps at the Sanitary Lift Station and \$350,000 - \$450,000 for a turn-key SCADA system.

- e. Board Member Pat Schaadt moved to send out a RFP for a Utility Rate Study, second by Board Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mike Kitzmiller, 121 N Raymond asked who would be appointed to NIRPC

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p. m.

**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF GRIFFITH**


JAMES MARKER


LAWRENCE BALLAH


RICK RYFA


PATRICIA SCHAADT


TONY HOBSON


GEORGE N. JEROME
CLERK TREASURER

ⁱ The Finance Committee consists of the Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer

ⁱⁱ The Water Board consists of the entire Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer

ⁱⁱⁱ The Board of Public Works consists of the Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer