

September 15, 2015

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the September 15, 2015 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Patricia Schaad
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Police Chief
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works
Brent Torrenge – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaad. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 3237–3495 in the amount of \$1,011,594.27 (one million eleven thousand, five hundred ninety-four dollars and twenty-seven cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaad moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a council study session on Tuesday September 22nd at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday October 6th 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
 - a. A Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget will take place at that meeting
3. The 2016 Budget will be adopted at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday October 20th
4. The 2nd Annual October Fest will take place in Central Park, October 9th – 11th

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. John Minear, Executive Director, Lake County Solid Waste Management District introduced himself to the Council and explained some basic changes that will take place in the reporting function for the communities.
2. The SSG David Nowaczyk Memorial Fund, Inc will host a fundraiser October 16th at the Halls of St George. Proceeds to benefit the Veterans Fallen Hero Memorial Fund in Dyer. SSG Nowaczyk was KIA 15 April 2012. Event information will be posted on the Town website.
3. Umbaugh provided an analysis of taxpayer savings that were the result of Griffith's efforts to force Calumet Township to improve their fiscal responsibility.

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
 - a. Hydrant flushing continues – Residents will be notified via door hangers
3. Police
 - a. Saturday September 19th will be Public Safety Day in Central Park – Police Fire and EMS will provide displays, demonstrations and information regarding public safety. Food will be available
4. Fire
 - a. In addition to the activities on the 19th, the Fire Department is hosting a blood drive.

5. Economic Development

- a. Conceptual plans for the former Griffith Golf Center as well as the Griffith Park Plaza are being developed

6. Pending Items

- a. Street Sweeper bids were opened:

Company	Type	Base Price	Less Trade	Net Price
Best	Conventional	\$214,725	\$15,000	\$199,725
Best	Cab-Over	\$241,582	\$15,000	\$226,582
Standard	Conventional	\$244,650	\$50,000	\$194,650
Standard	Cab-Over	\$244,650	\$50,000	\$194,650

Council member Larry Ballah moved to have the Public Works Director and Town Attorney review the bids to determine the most responsive and responsible bidder and allow the Public Works Director to sign a purchase agreement, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED

- b. Letters from FEMA are scheduled to be sent to homeowners on Wednesday September 16, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA:

1. NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Council Member Jim Marker moved to approve Ordinance 2015-30: An Ordinance Modifying Notification of Property Owners Regarding Weeds, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

2. NEW BUSINESS

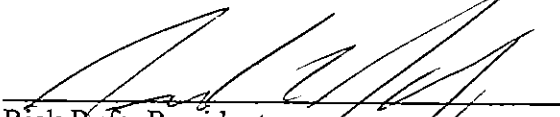
- a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to affirm approve Resolution 2015-31: A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with WIDEOPENWEST LLC for use of Town of Griffith Rights of Way, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council member Jim Marker moved to approve Resolution 2015-32: A Resolution to Transfer Appropriations within the General Fund, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to authorize the Town to enter into an agreement with the Town of Schererville to complete road works on Ave H (Division) where the Town pays up to one third of the cost, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
 - i. An Interlocal Agreement with Schererville may be required
 - ii. Enbridge and Marathon may participate in the cost of the project
- d. Two proposals for replacing the roof and a door at the building at Panther Park were received. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to refer the bids to be reviewed by Council President Ryfa and the Town Attorney to determine the most responsive and responsible bidder and authorize Council President Ryfa to sign an agreement for the work, second by Council Member Jim Marker. MOTION CARRIED


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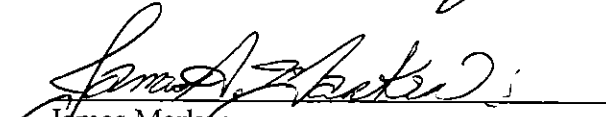
- Art Sawyer, 740 N Earnest asked for an update on the alley by his home
- George Smolka, 337 S Griffith Blvd discussed the need for speed limits in alleys.

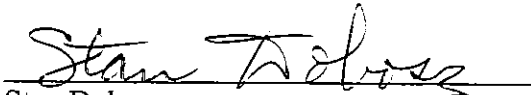
There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p. m.

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


Rick Ryfa, President



Patricia Schaadt


James Marker


Stan Dobosz


Larry Ballah

Attest:


George N. Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer