

## July 7, 2015

# TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

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

### ROLL CALL:

James Marker - Absent  
Larry Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Patricia Schaadt  
Stan Dobosz

### ALSO ATTENDING:

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 1955–2250 in the amount of \$2, 151,670.75 (two million, one hundred fifty-one thousand, six hundred seventy dollars and seventy-five cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt 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 July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> 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.
3. The Central Market's extended hours on July 3<sup>rd</sup> were a huge success. At least 500 children enjoyed the Kid's Zone activities. Council member Pat Schaadt reported that in the ten hours she worked selling tickets resulted in record sales in excess of \$5,000. Council President Rick Ryfa and Market Manager Kathy Ruskin are to be commended for a very successful event.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve a request from the Griffith High School Cheerleaders and Boys Basketball Boosters to have a car wash at the Franklin Center July 11<sup>th</sup>, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve a request from the Griffith High School Soccer Team to have a car wash at the Franklin Center August 8<sup>th</sup>, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
3. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve a request from the Griffith Rotary to close the 200 block of N Broad on July 25<sup>th</sup> for a Car Show with hours to be determined, second by Council member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
  - a. Council member Dobosz will confer with Rotary to determine the exact hours the road will be closed and will coordinate communications with the Department of Public Works regarding signage.

### REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
  - a. Director Konopasek reported that there is a need to replace a Street Sweeper and requested permission to advertise for a replacement.
    - i. Council member Stan Dobosz moved to grant permission to advertise, second by Council member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
  - b. The Arborist hired to evaluate the overall condition of trees in parkways will be issuing a preliminary report soon.
  - c. Some vehicles needed to be towed in order to complete road work

3. Police – No Report
4. Fire
  - a. Fire Chief Schoon complimented citizens for a relatively safe and sane 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday – There were few incidents requiring GFD response
  - b. The Annual Fireman’s Dance and Raffle is scheduled for Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> behind Central Station and Town Hall
5. Economic Development – No Report
6. Pending Items
  - a. Clerk-Treasurer George Jerome reported that four bids were received regarding the financing of the new fire truck. Based on the lowest Annual Payment as well as the delayed 1<sup>st</sup> payment, Jerome recommends that the United Federal Credit Union be selected.

**PIERCE ENFORCER PUMPER  
COMPARATIVE FINANCING OPTIONS – ANNUAL PAYMENTS**

LENDER	PAYMENT IN ADVANCE		PAYMENT IN ARREARS	
	5-Year	7-Year	5-Year	7-Year
BMO Harris/American Capital	\$138,840.20	\$102,415.42	\$135,794.39	\$100,316.98
Tax Exempt Leasing Corp	\$138,198.88	\$101,748.93	\$137,210.51	\$101,610.27
Republic First National	\$138,470.85	\$102,183.66	\$137,461.04	\$101,693.72
United Federal Credit Union	\$136,202.98	\$101,813.44	\$140,809.76	\$105,255.29

**1<sup>st</sup> PAYMENT DUE**

LENDER	PAYMENT IN ADVANCE	PAYMENT IN ARREARS
BMO Harris/American Capital	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2015	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016
Tax Exempt Leasing Corp	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2015	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016
Republic First National	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2015	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016
United Federal Credit Union	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017

Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve United Federal Credit Union as the lender for the purchase of the new fire truck, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

7. Patrick Faster, National Sales Director, Gallagher Asphalt Corp. provided an overview of the “Hot-in-Place” asphalt recycling process used by his company. They will be working on Ridge Road in conjunction with Walsh & Kelly. W&K will mill 2 inches of surface and Gallagher will they scarify 2+ inches of substrate in a continuous process that will allow W&K to follow up with a 2inch surface coat.
  - a. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to authorize Council President Ryfa to enter into an agreement with Gallagher Asphalt Corp to perform the work on Ridge Road. MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA:**

1. NONE

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. None
2. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve the renewal of the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with Midwestern Electric, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
  - b. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Resolution 2015-17: A Resolution Regarding Payment to Off-Duty Officers, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
  - c. Council Member Pat Schaadt introduced Ordinance 2015-20: Salary Ordinance and because there was only a minor title change from the previous Ordinance, moved to suspend the rules in order to present the

Ordinance for approval, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. With a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- i. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve 2015-20: Salary Ordinance, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council President Rick Ryfa opened a Public Hearing on additional appropriations. Clerk-Treasurer George Jerome explained the appropriations were for two projects: Sign Modernization and the Flashing Beacon at Main Street and the Bike Trail. These projects were not planned when the 2015 budget was enacted. There were no comments from the public and Council President Ryfa closed the Public Hearing.
  - i. Later in the meeting, Clerk Treasurer Jerome realized that he had not requested the council to approve the additional appropriations.
  - ii. At that time, Clerk-Treasurer Jerome then requested that the council approve the appropriations:
  - iii. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve the additional appropriations, second by Council Member Larry Ballah

FUND	FUND NAME	APPROPRIATION	AMOUNT
510	Sign Modernization	510001269: Misc Supplies	\$5,000
		510001313: Engineering	\$10,000
		510001423: Signage	<u>\$25,000</u>
		<b>TOTAL FUND 510</b>	<b><u>\$40,000</u></b>
511	Flashing Beacon at Main	511001269: Misc Supplies	\$5,000
		511001313: Engineering	\$5,000
		511001464: Misc Capital	<u>\$20,000</u>
		<b>TOTAL FUND 511</b>	<b><u>\$30,000</u></b>

MOTION CARRIED

- e. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve Resolution 2015-21: A Resolution Funding the Sign Modernization Project, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- f. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve Resolution 2015-22: A Resolution Funding the Flashing Beacon Project, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- g. Council Member Pat Schaadt introduced Ordinance 2015-24: An Ordinance Reclassifying Real Estate and as time is of the essence, moved to suspend the rules in order to present the Ordinance for approval, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. With a roll call vote, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
  - i. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Ordinance 2015-24, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- h. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to affirm the BZA Findings of Fact and grant a Use Variance to Centsible Heating and Air Conditioning, LLC to allow operation of a heating and cooling business in a PB Zoning District, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. . MOTION CARRIED
- i. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to affirm the BZA Findings of Fact and grant a Use Variance to Pokro Brewing Company, Inc. to allow business to be conducted outside of an enclosed building at 311 N Broad Street located in a B-2 Zoning District, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

3. OTHER BUSINESS

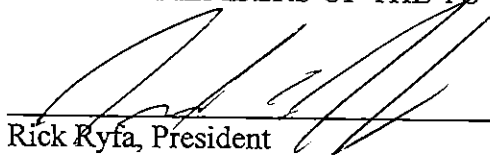
- a. Board of Public Works
  - i. None

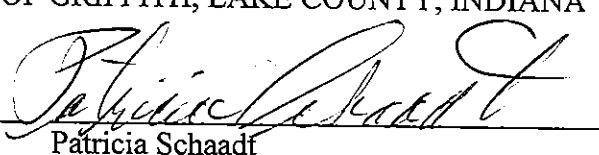
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Martin Michels, 1141 N Lafayette asked if Ridge Road was still a State Road
- Richard Otto, 139 N Elmer has issues with neighbors blocking sidewalks with vehicles
- Jackie Braun, 224 Minter questioned why chickens require a fence but dogs do not.

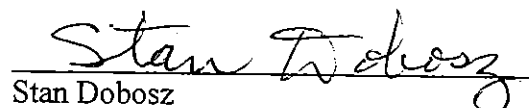
**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p. m.**

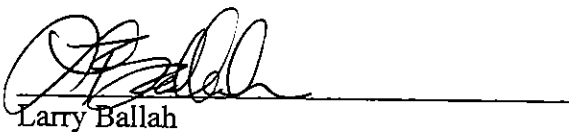
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Rick Ryfa, President

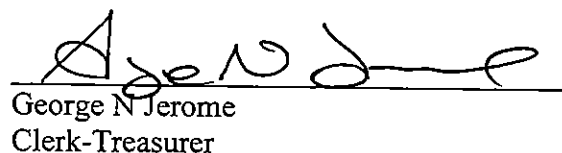
  
Patricia Schaad

ABSENT  
James Marker

  
Stan Dobosz

  
Larry Ballah

Attest:

  
George N Jerome  
Clerk-Treasurer