

May 4, 2015

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the May 4, 2015 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Patricia Schaadt
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 1136 – 1347 in the amount of \$719,657.58 (seven hundred nineteen thousand, six hundred fifty-seven dollars and fifty-eight 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 May 12th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday May 19th 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 Griffith Soccer “One Goal Club” is hosting “A Taste of Beer, Wine & Jazz” at the K of C Hall from 7:00 to 11:00 pm Friday May 8th. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve a request from the Griffith Knights of Columbus to conduct a Tootsie Roll Drive” May 29th & 30th at the Intersection of Cline and Ridge from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm both days, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
2. The following was received from the family of Glen “Bud” Gaby III:

TO THE PEOPLE OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA

The family of Glen Gaby, Jr. would like to express their appreciation for the beautiful tribute given to our beloved “Bud”, at his memorial service Friday April 10, 2015 in Griffith.

What a wonderful experience to know that Bud was so highly appreciated for his contributions to your community, even though he was not a native son.

The police honor guard at his casket; the large police escort; the signs at the city park: RIP GLEN GABY and RIP BUD GABY; the Fire Department trucks with ladders extended displaying “Old Glory” on the route to the cemetery were quite stirring emotionally and will never be forgotten by any of Bud’s surviving family members.

Thank you Griffith, we will always love you.

Glen Gaby, Jr. family

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works –No Report
3. Police – No Report
4. Fire – No Report

5. Economic Development – No Report
6. Pending Items
 - a. Economic Development/Building Commissioner Position
 - i. Still in Negotiations
 - b. FEMA issues are still being addressed and surveys should begin soon.
 - c. Studies for the Quiet Zone at Main & Wiggs are progressing

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Ordinance 2015-12: A Revised Salary Ordinance, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt.
MOTION CARRIED

2. NEW BUSINESS

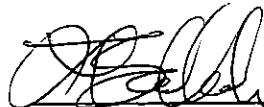
- a. Council President Rick Ryfa named Council Member Stan Dobosz to Fire Department Liaison and himself as Police Department Liaison.
- b. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to authorize Clerk Treasurer George Jerome to solicit financing quotes for the purchase of the previously approved Fire Apparatus and, with attorney review, to select the most responsive and responsible offer, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to authorize Council President Ryfa to sign a Letter of Engagement with Weaver Consultants Group to provide ongoing FEMA support as well as Community Response Support, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council member Pat Schaadt moved to approve the purchase of trees from Niemeyer's Landscape Supply in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Steve Stelk, 518 E Columbia complemented Chef Mance for the increased police presence on Broad Street that has resulted in slowed traffic.
- Melissa Shea, 221 N Glenwood asked about the progress on her request to keep chickens at her home

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p. m.

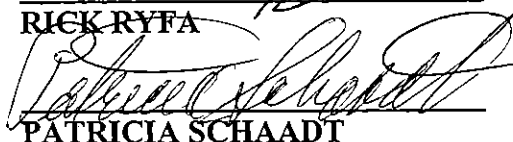
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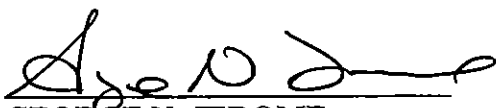
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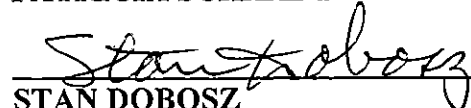
RICK RYFA



PATRICIA SCHAADT



GEORGE N. JEROME
CLERK TREASURER



STAN DOBOSZ