

January 6, 2015

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the January 6, 2015 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Glen Gaby
Pat Schaadt
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the December 30, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claim No. 4095, in the amount of \$35,615.08 (thirty-five thousand, six hundred fifteen dollars and eight cents) was presented for payment. This is a 2014 claim transferring monies between funds. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a council study session on Tuesday January 13th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday January 20th 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. Griffith Neighborhood Watch will meet Tuesday January 20th at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be in the lower level of Town Hall. .
4. Weather related emergency assistance is available if necessary; residents are advised to contact the Griffith Police.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Council Member Glen Gaby read a letter regarding Law Enforcement Appreciation Day January 9th. All residents are urged to show their appreciation for Law Enforcement on that day.

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
 - a. Residents are reminded that in order to allow curb-to-curb snow plowing, it is necessary to move cars from the street as soon as possible after a snow storm.
 - b. The pilot tree removal program is in process – Stumps remain but will be taken care of as weather permits

3. Police
 - a. Chief Mance reported that New Year's Eve and New Year's Day had the lowest call volume in several years
 - b. The transition to County 911 dispatchers went smoothly
4. Fire
 - a. A CN Grant was used to purchase 180 smoke detectors and 180 CO2 Detectors that will be made available to residents at no cost.
5. Economic Development – No Report
6. Pending Items
 - a. Building Commissioner Position was revised to include economic development responsibilities
 - i. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to advertise the current vacancy, second by Council member Glen Gaby, MOTION CARRIED
 - b. Extension of Public Works Contracts
 - i. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to extend the contracts with Pinkerton Fuels and Walsh & Kelly through 2015, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. The final agreement with Enbridge regarding outstanding issues related to the 6B Pipeline construction projects remains pending
 - b. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve amendments to the Temporary Work Space Agreement and Right-of-Way and Easement Grant for Tract 602-1-0 (6B Project), second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
2. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve an agreement with INDOT and the Town (as LPA) for the Connector Trail Project, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
 - b. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve the following appointments:
 - i. BZA – 4-Year – Ray Elbaor
 - ii. EMS – 3-Year – Ron Bartnicki
 - iii. Plan Commission – 4-Year – Jennifer Smith
 - iv. Plan Commission – 4-Year – Rob Bubala
 - v. Redevelopment Commission – 1-Year Don Wiltfong
 - vi. Redevelopment Commission – 1-Year Rich Leber
 - vii. Safety Board – 3-Year - James Marker
 - viii. Safety Board – 3-Year – Gary Sutton
 - ix. Sanitary Sewer Board – 4-Year – Earl Allison
 - x. Storm Water Board – 3-Year – Ray White
 second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
 - c. Council President Rick Ryfa appointed the following individuals to the Redevelopment Commission for 1-Year Terms:
 - i. Susan Kay Schaub
 - ii. Robert Kurtz
 - iii. Rich Miller

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Board of Public Works
 - a. Board Member Rick Ryfa nominated Glen Gaby for the position of Board President, there were no other nominations. Passed by acclamation.


- b. Board President Glen Gaby nominated Larry Ballah for the position of Board Vice President, there were no other nominations. Passed by acclimation.
- c. Board President Gaby appointed Board Member George Jerome to be the Board Representative to the Lake County Solid Waste Management District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Joe Kras, 1215 Sawgrass expressed a number of concerns regarding construction debris and storm run-off in Trail Creek.
- Chris Kinkade, 1441 N Griffith Blvd complemented Public Works and the Police for their efforts in maintaining the roads during snow events but has concerns about businesses on Broad St – Specifically, Bridegrooms due to too many vehicles and snow piles blocking sidewalks. He also commented on Leep's trailers at Public Works.
- Rich Powell, 1206 E Lake asked if Leep's trailers could be moved to the old landfill area.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p. m.

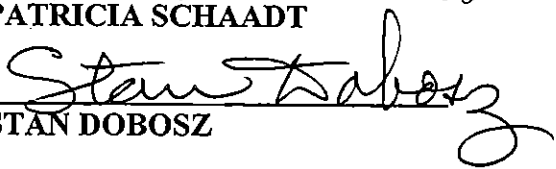
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