

# **December 16, 2014**

## **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the December 16, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Kale Slager, aged 21, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident on Sunday. Kale is the step-son of Town of Griffith employee Ken Stedman.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Larry Ballah  
Glen Gaby  
Rick Ryfa  
Pat Schaadt  
Stan Dobosz

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer  
Greg Mance – Chief of Police  
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief  
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 December 2, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No. 3780 – 3957 in the amount of \$1,430,322.26 (one million, four hundred thirty thousand, three hundred twenty-two dollars and twenty-six cents) were presented for payment. 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 special council meeting Tuesday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in order to pay final expenses and transfer appropriations as may be necessary
2. There will be a council study session on Tuesday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. with an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. regarding personnel matters and a council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
3. The next regular council meeting will be Tuesday January 6<sup>th</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.
4. Christmas week:
  - a. Town Hall will be closed at 1:00 p.m. December 24<sup>th</sup> and all day December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Trash pick-up will be Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>
5. New Year's week:
  - a. Town Hall will be closed at 1:00 p.m. December 29<sup>th</sup> and all day December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to close the books for 2014.
  - b. Trash pick-up will be Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. None

### **REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works – No Report
3. Police Chief
  - a. After researching potential vendors and equipment, Chief Mance has received a quote from Federal Signal to replace and upgrade the video recording system and recommends accepting the proposal

- b. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to authorize Chief Mance to proceed with the purchase and installation at a cost not to exceed \$55,000, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- 4. Fire Department – No Report
- 5. Economic Development – No Report
- 6. Pending Items
  - a. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to authorize Council President Rick Ryfa to finalize and sign an agreement with Enbridge regarding any outstanding issues related to compensation for easements related to the 6B Pipeline replacement, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Ordinance 2014-51: A Salary Ordinance for 2015, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve Ordinance 2014-53: An Ordinance Modifying Rental Property Registration, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

**2. NEW BUSINESS**


- a. Council Member Larry Ballah announced that Building Commissioner Donche Andonov has indicated that he will tender his resignation. Council Member Ballah made a motion to accept the resignation when offered and to authorize Council President Rick Ryfa to approve a Separation Agreement, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

**TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF GRIFFITH**

  
Rick Ryfa, President

  
Patricia Schaadt

  
Glen Gaby

  
Stan Dobosz

  
Larry Ballah

Attest:

  
George N. Jerome  
Clerk-Treasurer