

December 2, 2014

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the December 2, 2014 meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah - Absent
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
Brent Torrenza – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 3662 – 3779 in the amount of \$1,201,973.99 (one million, two hundred one thousand, nine hundred seventy-three dollars and ninety-nine 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 council study session on Tuesday December 9th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday December 16th 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. There will be a special council meeting Tuesday December 30th at 9:30 a.m. in order to pay final expenses and transfer appropriations as may be necessary
4. Christmas week:
 - a. Town Hall will be closed at 1:00 p.m. December 24th and all day December 25th and 26th
 - b. Trash pick-up will be Friday the 26th
5. Lights are being installed at the ice rink in Central Park
6. Imagine Griffith in conjunction with other organizations will be celebrating a Hometown Christmas, A Spirit of Giving at the Franklin Center on Saturday December 6th starting at 10:00 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. None

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
 - a. Leaf and branch pick-up will end December 9th
3. Police Chief
 - a. SWAT is having a fundraiser at Halls of St George Friday December 5th
 - b. The FOP is accepting donations for Shop with a Cop
4. Fire Department – No Report
5. Economic Development – No Report
6. Pending Items
 - a. Eric Neagu of Weaver Boos Consultants provided a summary of progress to date on the FEMA appeal process:
 - i. The Town is working with the County to submit survey data before the December 19th FEMA deadline – This will result in some homes and several businesses being removed from the floodplain
 - ii. Concurrently the Town is working to close out a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) by the end of the year

- iii. Once the CAV is closed out, the Town will pursue two simultaneous tracks:
 1. Modify the Community Rating System; a 12-18 month process that will reduce flood insurance costs for residents
 2. Generate a Letter of Map Amendment to remove areas from the floodplain based on technical data

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve Ordinance 2014-49: An Ordinance Amending Zoning in a B-1 Neighborhood Business District, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

2. NEW BUSINESS

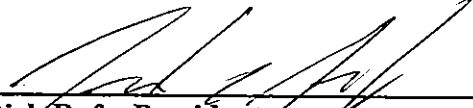
- a. Council Member Glen Gaby moved, pending review by Attorney Schwerd, to authorize Council President Ryfa to sign an agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC to perform the work necessary determine the cost and time required to move the River Road Levee north in order to expand the amount of developable land on the former golf course, cost estimated to be \$18,500, second by council member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Resolution 2014-50: A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Real Estate, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to authorize Public Works Director Rick Konopasek to advertise for bulk supplies, 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 7:16 p.m.

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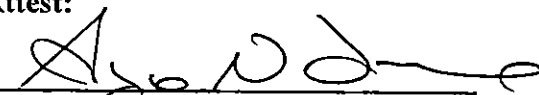

Rick Ryfa, President


Glen Gaby

ABSENT
Larry Ballah


Patricia Schaadt


Stan Dobosz

Attest:

George N. Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer