

November 3, 2014

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the November 3, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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
Brent Torrenga – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 3317 – 3492 in the amount of \$1,097,196.58 (one million, ninety-seven thousand, one hundred ninety-six dollars and fifty-eight 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 November 11th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Monday November 18th 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. Information regarding the street reconstruction of 700 N Lindberg will be shared at the November 18th council meeting
4. Residents were encouraged to vote Tuesday November 4th

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Boy Scout Troop 264 thanked the Council for their support of the Fall Craft Fair

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
 - a. The current road paving should be completed for the year within the next two-weeks.
 - b. Director Konopasek will follow-up regarding a NIRPC call out for projects due this December. The town was notified by Pete Kohut and Ron Wiedeman. This will be a study session topic on November 11th.
3. Police Chief – No Report
4. Fire Department – No Report
5. Economic Development

The Economic Development committee has been meeting with the Redevelopment committee once a month. We've also been in constant communication with other committees in Griffith to look into various ways to possibly redevelop the northern corridor of Griffith specifically along Ridge Road. Items include:

 - Review Ordinances concerning the northern section along Ridge Road, revise as needed
 - Attempt to have another anchor store locate in the corridor
 - Consider changing internal staffing to assign economic development duties to a specific individual
 - Review current TIF District boundaries and expand/modify where appropriate
 - Provide funding for improvements to Griffith Park Plaza, including:
 - Demolition and/or reconstruction of specific properties
 - Development of the vacant land north of the former Service Merchandise building

- Parking lot improvements
- Façade improvements

Wabash Scientific, Inc. a consulting firm which provides expertise in economic analysis, community growth and development, planning, zoning, and economic development to Indiana communities has been engaged to assist in our economic development efforts. There will be a three phased approach:

- Phase 1 includes the continuation of the downtown area
- Phase 2 will be focused on the Ridge Road corridor
- Phase 3 will center on the former golf course with an emphasis in tying it into the Ridge Road corridor as well as the downtown area.

6. Pending Items
a. None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
a. None.

2. NEW BUSINESS


- a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to affirm the BZA Findings of Fact and grant a Special Use Variance to Griffith 1.0 LLC to allow Dialysis Services in a B-2 Zoning District – Specifically at 926 N Broad Street, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Glen Gaby introduced on first reading, Ordinance 2014-41: An Ordinance Amending 2014 Salaries and Bonuses for Incumbent Police Dispatchers
- c. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve Resolution 2014-45: A Resolution Regarding the Lease Purchase of Public Works Vehicles, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Resolution 2014-46: A Resolution Transferring Appropriations, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- e. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve the Barnes & Thornburg Letter of Engagement for lobbying services, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- f. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve the Riley Bennett & Egloff Letter of Engagement potential litigation with the Army Corps of Engineers, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

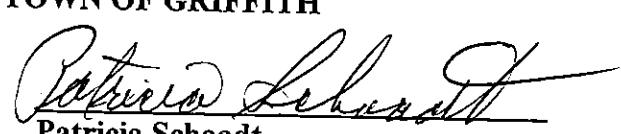
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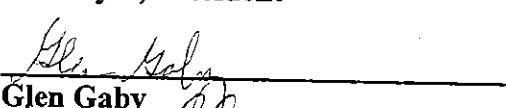
- Chris Hanson, 1114 N Elmer asked about the status of the FEMA appeal

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p. m.

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Rick Ryfa, President

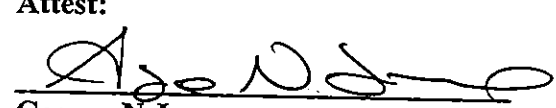

Patricia Schaadt


Glen Gaby


Stan Dobosz


Larry Ballah

Attest:


George N Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer