

## **September 2, 2014**

# **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the September 2, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Larry Ballah  
Glen Gaby - Absent  
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 August 19, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

1. Claims No. 2630 – 2757 in the amount of \$917,010.17 (nine hundred seventeen thousand, ten dollars and seventeen 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 September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday September 16<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.
3. There will be a Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget on Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
4. The Budget will be adopted at the Council meeting on Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Timothy Ball Chapter requested that the Town proclaim the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution Week in Griffith. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to authorize Council President Ryfa to sign a Proclamation to that effect, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

### **REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
  - a. Paving west of the EJ&E tracks is mostly complete. Milling east of the tracks has started and the 500 and 600 blocks of N Cline will be completed soon.
  - b. AT&T and NIPSCO have completed their work on Main Street
  - c. AT&T should finish their work at Ave H and Colfax this week.
  - d. Work progresses on the Arbogast Street Bridge
3. Police – The weather siren was inadvertently triggered overnight by another agency. Since Griffith, Highland and Munster are all tied together on the sirens, when one goes off, they all go off.
4. Fire – A reminder that Public Safety Day is September 13, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
5. Council President Ryfa provided a summary of the Rock 'n Rail Festival; Beer Garden revenues were over \$40,500 and Chief Mance reported that there were no incidents during the event.
6. Pending Items
  - a. Council President Rick Ryfa presented a letter to FEMA regarding the Town's appeal of the Cady Marsh Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. None

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve a recommendation of the Safety Board to add a Police Department Administrative Position, and to purchase 9mm Glock handguns as the official Department issued sidearm, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve a proposal by Lawson-Fisher Associates to update the Storm Sewer Model and Storm Sewer Maps for a combined cost of \$24,700, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to authorize Public Works Director Rick Konopasek to award a contract to Gatlin Plumbing to replace water mains on the 100-200 blocks of N Indiana, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Red Anderson, 1447 N Harvey asked about the amount of time residents can conduct yard sales
- Susie Pollard, 1542 N Indiana asked about her proposal to purchase the town owned lot on Broad Street
- Rhonda Fierro, 605 N Colfax asked about her request to connect to the Griffith sanitary system. Council President Ryfa said it would be discussed at the next study session.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p. m.

**TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF GRIFFITH**

**ABSENT**

**GLEN GABY**

**LAWRENCE BALLAH**

**RICK RYFA**

**PATRICIA SCHAADT**

**STAN DOBOSZ**

  
**GEORGE N. JEROME**  
**CLERK TREASURER**