

July 15, 2014

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 15, 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
Don Hill – Assistant 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 July 1, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the July 3, 2014 special meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 1955 – 2168 in the amount of \$1,609,675.51 (one million, six hundred nine thousand, six hundred seventy-five dollars and fifty-one 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 July 22nd at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday August 5th 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. The 40th Annual Park Full of Art will take place on July 19th and 20th in Central Park – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm both days
4. The Historical Society will have a Beer Garden at the Depot July 19th and 20th
5. The NWI Symphony will perform in Central Park on Friday July 25th
6. The Central Market will return August 1st

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The Rock n' Rail Committee requested permission to schedule their Annual Street and Music Festival and Beer Garden August 28th – 31st on the 100 and 200 blocks of N Broad. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to grant permission and to authorize the committee to make purchases and enter contracts as needed for the success of the festival and to close the 100 and 200 blocks of N Broad to vehicle traffic beginning at 8:00 p.m. August 27th through no later than 10:00 a.m. September 1st, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
2. Standard and Poor's Rating Services announced the rating for the Griffith Redevelopment Authority Road Improvement Bonds. Clerk Treasurer George Jerome explained that the rating of AA- will result in significant savings on interest expense over the 20-year life of the bonds. According to S&P, the ratings reflect Griffith's "Very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong budgetary performance and very strong liquidity."

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
 - a. The intersection of Arbogast and Avenue H will close starting July 21st and is expected to be closed for about 60 days

- b. The Arbogast Bridge demolition has been delayed but demolition should be complete by August 6th with the new bridge construction to start immediately after demolition is completed
 - c. Road and alley work continues, including the Main Street project
 - d. Mosquito spraying continues
- 3. Police – No Report
- 4. Fire – No Report
- 5. Pending Items
 - a. Council President Rick Ryfa opened the Public Hearing on additional appropriations at 7:12 p.m.
 - i. Clerk Treasurer Jerome confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised and briefly explained the need for the additional appropriations. There were no questions or comments from the public. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.
 - ii. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve the additional appropriations for the MVH Fund, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
 - iii. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve the additional appropriations for the various non-levied Funds, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
 - b. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to defer action on the Public Works truck purchase until the August 5th meeting, 2nd by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
 - c. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to authorize Clerk Treasurer Jerome to make an offer to purchase real estate located at 123 & 127 N Wood St for \$156,500, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

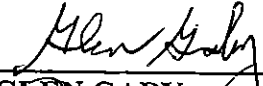
- 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Ordinance 2014-33: An Ordinance Creating a Fence Subcommittee of the BZA, second by Council member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
 - b. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to confirm Tonn & Blank LLC as the most responsible and responsive bidder for the construction of the Arbogast Street Bridge, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- 2. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Resolution 2014-35: A Resolution Transferring Monies for Initial Funding of the 2014 Road Project, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

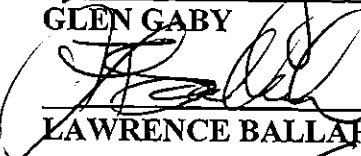
- Steve McDermott, 247 N Ernest requested a stop sign on Lake Street at Raymond. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to refer the issue to the Safety Committee, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED Council President Ryfa stated that he would convene a Safety Committee meeting to address the issue before the next meeting on August 5th.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p. m.

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GLEN GABY



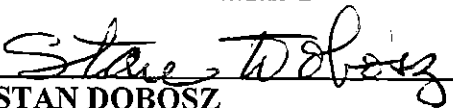
LAWRENCE BALLAH



RICK RYFA



PATRICIA SCHAADT



STAN DOBOSZ



GEORGE N. JEROME
CLERK TREASURER