

# July 1, 2014

## TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 1, 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  
Brent Torrenga – Attorney for the Town

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 1825 – 1954 in the amount of \$706,148.15 (seven hundred six thousand, one hundred forty-eight dollars and fifteen cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a special council meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> to open and review bids for the replacement of the Arbogast Street Bridge
2. There will be a council study session on Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
3. There will be an Executive Session Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
4. The next council meeting will be Tuesday July 15<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.
5. There will be a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday July, 15<sup>th</sup>, regarding additional appropriations

### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The Griffith Historical Society requested permission to have a Beer Garden on their grounds July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; they also requested permission to place banners advertising the event. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to approve both requests, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
2. The Salvatorian Fathers requested permission to transit Griffith during their annual Marian Pilgrimage on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Council member Stan Dobosz moved to grant permission, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works
  - a. About 600 residents remain without power after the recent storms
  - b. The Arbogast Bridge demolition is scheduled for the week of July 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Police
  - a. Chief Mance reported that there was minor property damage but no injuries attributed to the recent storms
4. Fire
  - a. The Annual Dance and Raffle will be held Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. to midnight.
5. Pending Items
  - a. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to authorize the council president to sign the Weaver Boos FEMA Flood Plain Appeal Proposal, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

- b. Chief Mance discussed the status of the E-911 consolidation. A decision on equipment purchases is expected within a month. Council President Rick Ryfa expressed concern about the County's ability to control costs
- c. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to authorize the Council President to sign an agreement with Wabash Scientific, Inc regarding review and revision of Downtown Plan and Ordinances, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to authorize the Council President to sign Robinson's April 15<sup>th</sup> Lindberg Street proposal, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- e. Council member Glen Gaby moved to approve Resolution 2014-25: A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Monies, second by Council member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
- f. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to allow Council President Rick Ryfa to engage an attorney or accountant to complete TIF District filings, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- g. Robinson Engineering representative provided a brief update on the 2014 Road and Alley Program

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

##### **1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. None

##### **2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Bids for Public Works Trucks were opened. There were seven (7) vendors providing quotes. Council member Glen Gaby moved to have Attorney Torrenga and Public works Director Konopasek review the proposals and make a recommendation to the council.
- b. Council Member Larry Ballah Ordinance 2014-33: An Ordinance Creating a Fence Subcommittee of the BZA on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- c. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve the School Resource Officer Interlocal Agreement, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve B&D Sewer's proposal to correct alley drainage problems at two locations for a combined projected cost of \$48,420, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- e. Bids for the Central Park bathrooms were opened and referred to the Council for review and selection of the most responsive and responsible bidder. CDBG Funds will be used for the improvements
- f. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Resolution 2014-34: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

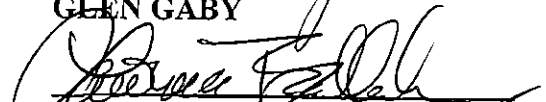
#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Shelly Gates, 636 N Oakwood St spoke on behalf of her son who is proposing an Eagle Scout Project involving the Little Free Library program. Jesse Gates, Troop 518 spoke briefly about the proposal.

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

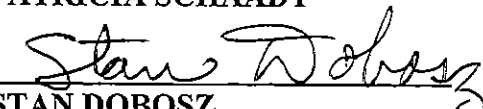
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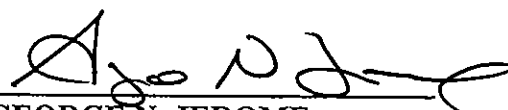
  
GLEN GABY

  
LAWRENCE BALLAH

  
RICK RYFA

  
PATRICIA SCHAADT

  
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GEORGE N. JEROME  
CLERK TREASURER