

April 1, 2014

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the April 1, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Glen Gaby
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 March 18, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 0818– 0942 in the amount of \$765,792.36 (seven hundred sixty-five thousand, seven hundred ninety-two dollars and thirty-six cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a council study session on Tuesday April 8th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday April 15th 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. Because of Election Day May 6th, the council will move their normal meeting date to Monday May 5th.
4. Alley pick-up of trash will continue this Thursday, April 3rd.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Griffith Youth Baseball requested permission to have a parade on Broad St from the Franklin Center to Central Park on Opening Day, April 26th. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to grant permission, second by Council member Larry Ballah; the Safety Committee had previously approved the proposal. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Griffith Fire Department Auxiliary requested permission to place signs at the corners of Lake St & Broad and Wiggs & Pine to advertise their Chili Cook-off and also for funds to publicize the event. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to grant them up to \$500 for advertising in The NWI Times and to allow the signs for two-weeks before the event, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED. They will also be allowed to place directional signs on the day of the event.
3. Council member Stan Dobosz read a Proclamation declaring April as the Month of the Military Child in Griffith and moved to authorize the council president to sign the Proclamation, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
4. The YMCA requested permission to place Flag Banners advertising their day care facility. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to allow the banners for 90 days, with a possibility of an extension, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Board of Public Works – No Report
3. Director of Public Works – There will be a flyer in the April water bill with information about the spring leaf-vacuum and the up-coming hazardous waste collection.
4. Police – No Report
5. Fire – No Report
6. Pending Items
 - a. None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. None

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council Member Glen Gaby introduced Ordinance 2014-12: An Ordinance Establishing the Town of Griffith Redevelopment Authority and asked Attorney Schwerd to explain the purpose of the ordinance.
 - i. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to suspend the rules requiring readings at two separate meetings, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. Clerk Treasurer George Jerome called the roll; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - ii. Council Member Gaby moved to approve Ordinance 2014-12, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- b. Council President Rick Ryfa opened a Public Hearing Regarding Community Development Block Grant Funding at 7:20 p.m. and read the prescribed Opening Remarks after which he asked for public comments. There were no public comments.
 - i. Council Member Larry Ballah read and moved to approve the required Specific Affirmative Action Steps, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
 - ii. Council Member Larry Ballah read and moved to approve the specified Section 3 Understanding, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
 - iii. Council Member Larry Ballah read and moved to approve Resolution 2014-13: A Resolution Authorizing the Council President to Submit a Project Proposal for CDBG Funding, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- c. The Town received bids from two bidders to supply police vehicles and one offer to purchase the trade-ins without supplying new vehicles. Council Member Stan Dobosz opened and read the bids and moved to refer them to the Safety Board for their review and recommendation.
- d. The Town received two bids for the Main Street Beautification and Roadway Lighting Improvement Project. Council Member Glen Gaby opened and read the bids, and at the request of Council President Ryfa moved to refer the bids to the Town Attorney and Director of Public Works for review and determination of the lowest responsible and responsive bidder and to award the contract accordingly, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Board of Public Works

- a. Board Member George Jerome opened the meeting.
 - i. Board Member Rick Ryfa described the Street Repair Plan and explained that Robinson Engineering is in the process of reevaluating road and alley conditions throughout town. The plan calls for alleys to be paved with porous asphalt that allows water drainage through the pavement. Some alleys will also require installation of storm drains.
 - ii. Attorney Schwerd explained the process for financing the road improvements, including the earlier approval of Ordinance 2014-13 which authorized the creation of the Griffith Redevelopment Authority.
 - iii. Board Member George Jerome reported the improved financial condition of the Water and Sewer Utilities permitting a payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) that will bolster the General Fund.

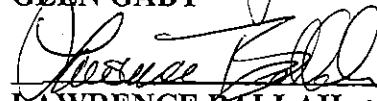
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Kathy Ruesken, 1103 E Lake described a "Little Free Library" program and requested permission to start the program in town. She was asked to present something in writing to the council for their consideration..

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p. m.

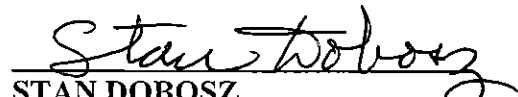
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