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**November 5, 2013**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Glen Gaby called the November 05, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Larry Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Glen Gaby  
Pat Schaadt  
Stan Dobosz

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer  
Keith Martin – Detective Sergeant  
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief  
Rick Konopasek – Public Works Director  
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Claims No. 3227– 3407 in the amount of \$997,568.40 (nine hundred ninety-seven thousand, five hundred sixty-eight dollars and forty 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:**

- a. There will be a council study session on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- b. There will be a Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. on November 12<sup>th</sup> regarding additional appropriations for the MVH fund
- c. The next council meeting will be Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting and one to follow if necessary.
- d. There will be a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on November 19<sup>th</sup> regarding additional appropriations for various non-levied funds

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. None

**REPORTS:**

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Community Policing Committee – No Report
3. Board of Public Works – No Report
4. Director of Public Works –
  - a. Cline Ave from Main to Miller has been milled and paved
  - b. Leaf Pick-up continues – the crews will start 10-hour shifts next week.
5. Police – No Report.
6. Fire – The Open House on October 13<sup>th</sup> was very successful.
7. E911 Committee – There was a meeting with Brian Hitchcock, Executive Director of E-911 regarding a single PSAP and will meet with St John representatives to discuss the Tow PSAP option.
8. Pending Items
  - a. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to approve the use of Crime Prevention Funds to allow the server to accommodate streaming video from the Parks, Schools and other Town facilities, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
  - b. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to approve Ordinance 2013-22: An Ordinance Amending the Salary and Wages of the Town of Griffith for the Year 2014 which included a three percent (3%) increase for all full-time employees and elected officials, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

- c. This modification from the 1<sup>st</sup> reading Salary Ordinance for 2014, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

## **BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

### **A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Council member Larry Ballah moved to approve Ordinance 2013-27: An Ordinance Regarding Diseased Trees, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

### **B. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve the following Police Department promotions effective November 3, 2013:
  - a. Matt Moore – Sergeant
  - b. Jake Schoon – Corporal
  - c. Mike Gauler – Corporal,second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to confirm the hiring of Probationary Police Officer David Borgetti, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
3. Council member Rick Ryfa moved to approve Resolution 2013-30: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
4. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Resolution 2013-31: A Resolution Transferring Appropriations, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED
5. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve Resolution 2013-32: A Resolution Transferring Funds, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Fred Miklusak, 636 N Wheeler questioned the status of the Stammers property and asked that the Town consider a No Parking zone on the east Side of Wheeler adjacent to the new library building.
- Nikki Miklusak, 636 N Wheeler requested help for Imagine Griffith in their efforts to maintain the plantings on Broad St and for the storage of the decorated bikes
- Mike Ball, 1425 N Elmer – As a Public Works employee, complained about the raise he will receive in 2014
- Jim Masters, 405 Canterbury Rd questioned the Enbridge pipeline right-of-way approval process
- Mike Barta, 341 Cambridge Rd, Grievance Committeeman for Griffith Public Works employee members of Teamster Union Local 142 that contract negotiations are in progress and that forum would be the place to discuss wages issues.
- Jim Dye, 1457 N Indiana stated that idling trains continue to be a problem
- Dan Reed, 1349 N Indiana seconded the comment regarding idling trains and stated that the problem has only been since CN purchased the EJ&E.


There being no further business to come before this Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p. m.

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TOWN OF GRIFFITH

  
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CLERK TREASURER

  
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