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June 4, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Glen Gaby called the June 4, 2013 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
Matt Argadine – Police Executive Officer
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No. 1497 - 1603 in the amount of \$551,340.28 (five hundred fifty-one thousand, three hundred forty dollars and twenty-eight cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next council meeting will be Tuesday June 18th at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 before the meeting and one to follow if necessary.
- b. There will be a council study session on Tuesday June 11th at 5:00 p.m.
- c. The June Safety Board meeting has been rescheduled to June 20th at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. The Lake County Surveyor has requested that the town participate financially in the cost for enhanced orthophotography and LiDAR for Lake County. Council Member Rick Ryfa raised concerns that the town would still be obligated to pay to use the data. He will investigate and report back to the council for action at the next meeting.
- b. The Park Full of Art Committee requested permission to put up banners to advertise the annual art fair. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to grant permission, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED
- c. The Park Full of Art Committee requested Tourism Funds to defray the cost of paid advertising for their event. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to provide \$500, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
- d. The Griffith Historical Society requested permission to allow Wendy Wilken to sell raffle tickets door-to-door. She will be the only seller and will have an ID. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to grant permission, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
- e. The Northwest Regional Swat Team sent a letter soliciting donations for an armored vehicle to transport team members. Council Member Pat Schaadt read the letter and encouraged residents to support this worthwhile effort. Council President Gaby requested that the letter be posted on the Town of Griffith website.

REPORTS:

- 1. NIRPC – No Report
- 2. Community Policing Committee – No Report
- 3. Board of Public Works – No Report
- 4. Director of Public Works – No Report

5. Police – It was noted that Gino, our new police dog, was involved in his first arrest. Officer Cory McCarter made a traffic stop and had reason to request that Officer Gutierrez and Gino determine if drugs were present in the vehicle. There were and an arrest was made.
6. Fire – Chief Schoon described the participation in last month's Honor Flight activities at the Tri-Town Safety Village.
7. 911 Committee – No Report
8. Pending Items - NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Awarding of Franklin Center exterior renovations

COMPANY	LOCATION	BASE BID	Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3
Gariup Construction Co, Inc.	Gary, IN	\$168,300	\$19,500	\$15,500	\$119,000
Precision Builders, Inc	Gary, IN	\$149,900	\$15,250	\$10,000	\$110,000
Hasse Construction Co, Inc.	Calumet City, IL	\$166,500	\$15,700	\$14,600	\$122,900
Gough, Inc	Merrillville, IN	\$164,338	\$14,465	\$13,352	\$122,415

Council Member Larry Ballah moved to award the contract to Precision Builders, Inc for all work, including the alternates for a total bid of \$285,150, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to affirm the BZA Findings of Fact and their recommendation to grant a Developmental Standards Variance to T&I Investment Group LLC for property at 131 Gatlin Drive, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to affirm the BZA Findings of Fact regarding Pokro Brewing and approve a Special Use Variance for a micro-brewery in a B2 Zoning District, located at 311 N Broad St., second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED
3. Clerk Treasurer George Jerome introduced Resolution 2013-14, A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Resolution 2013-14, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Connie Hess, 141 S Lillian discussed problems with Enbridge construction vehicles, dust and congestion and stated that Enbridge built a construction road in a Nature Preserve. Council Member Ryfa will contact Enbridge.
- Mike Kitzmiller, 121 N Raymond questioned the future uses of the PACTV property.
- Robert Bubala, 1103 E Miller and Park Board president, complemented Central Market Manager Kathy Ruesken, Council Member Pat Schaadt and Mike Kitzmiller for their work in making the Central Market a success.

There being no further business to come before this Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p m.


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TOWN OF GRIFFITH



GLEN GABY



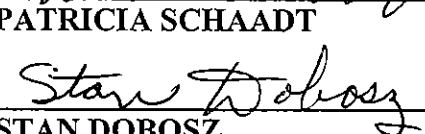
LAWRENCE BALLAH



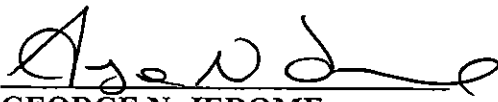
RICK RYFA



PATRICIA SCHAADT



STAN DOBOSZ



GEORGE N. JEROME
CLERK TREASURER