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May 7, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Vice President Rick Ryfa called the May 7, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Glen Gaby - Absent
Pat Schaadt
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Rick Konopasek – Public Works Director
Greg Mance – Police Chief
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No. 1125 - 1296 in the amount of \$794,118.44 (seven hundred ninety-four thousand, one hundred eighteen dollars and forty-four 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. The next council meeting will be Tuesday May 21st 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 May 14th at 5:00 PM.
- c. The Parks & Recreation Board rescheduled their May 20th Study Session to 6:00 PM
- d. The Central Market will open Friday May 10th and run from 3:00 - 8:00 PM
- e. The exterior remodeling work at the Franklin Center has been re-bid after redefining the scope of work. Bids will be opened May 21st.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Thom Howell, Griffith High School, presented the Town with a Certificate of Appreciation for the support provided to the Annual Wheelchair Basketball Extravaganza.
- b. A letter was received from Brownie Troop 10148 regarding a potential safety issue. The letter was referred to the Safety Committee for review.

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Mansards – Will be meeting soon and will report at the next council meeting
3. Legislative Update – HB 1585 (The Griffith Bill) was sent to the governor on May 4th. The options for him are to sign the bill, veto it or allow it to become law without his signature. While there are no guarantees, we don't believe that it will be vetoed.
4. Board of Public Works – No Report
5. Public Works – No Report
6. Police – The contractor doing work at Enbridge has requested that caution signs be placed on Main Street to advise drivers of construction related traffic that will be entering and exiting the facility. The signs would be in place for about 18 months.
7. Fire – The Fire Department's Annual Boot Drive in support of the Indiana Burn Camp netted \$5,193.43 to support this worthy cause.
8. 911 Committee – Met to define their scope of work. Initially they have generated a list of questions that need to be answered in order to advise the council and improve the implementation of the Consolidated 911 system.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve two Change Orders associated with the 45th Ave Water Tank. The 1st was to add lettering to the tank and the other was for a new hatch at the top of the tank. The costs are \$5,800 and \$3,200 respectively, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to authorize Council President Gaby to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Griffith and the Griffith School System establishing reimbursement for the School Resource Officer, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Lawrence Gregory, 137 N Cavender, Hobart, IN spoke on the Calumet Township issue.
- Jim Magish, 745 N Indiana spoke against the potential County Income Tax

There being no further business to come before this Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

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ABSENT

GLEN GABY

LAWRENCE BALLAH

RICK RYFA

PATRICIA SCHAADT

STAN DOBOSZ

**GEORGE N. JEROME
CLERK TREASURER**