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February 5, 2013
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Glen Gaby called the February 5, 2013 meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Glen Gaby
Pat Schaadt
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Rick Konopasek – Public Works Director
Matt Moore – Interim Police Chief
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town
John Julian, CPA – H.J. Umbaugh & Associates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Claims No. 1 – 280 in the amount of \$2,790,493.51 (two million, seven hundred ninety thousand, four hundred ninety-three dollars and fifty-one 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 February 19th at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.
- b. There will be a council study session on Tuesday February 12th at 5:00 PM.
- c. The council will meet in executive session after this meeting to discuss personnel matters.
- d. The Safety Board has rescheduled their February 14th meeting to February 7th.
- e. Governor Mike Pence wrote a congratulatory letter to Police Chief Matthew Moore thanking him for the initiative displayed during his tenure as Interim Chief. The letter was framed and formally presented to Chief Moore.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. The American Legion requested permission to conduct a Poppy sale on May 17th and 18th. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to allow the sale, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Mansards – No Report
3. Legislative Update – State Representative Hal Slager (R-Schererville) introduced a bill that would allow Griffith to leave Calumet Township and join an adjacent township – The bill is co-sponsored by Representative Mara Candelaria Reardon (D-Munster) and Representative Jerry Torr (R-Carmel). The bill passed out of committee with a vote of 11 to 1.
4. Board of Public Works – No Report
5. Public Works – No Report
6. Police – A Crime Watch group consisting of Mansard's residents met for the first time January 29th. About 25 residents attended.
7. Fire – No Report
8. Pending Items
 - a. Council President Glen Gaby appointed Rich Miller to the Redevelopment Commission for a term ending 12/31/13
 - b. Council Member Ryfa reported that recent train horns were heard in the quiet zone due to construction that is nearing completion.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council President Gaby opened the Public Hearing on Water Rates by asking if the hearing had been properly advertised. It had. John Julian, CPA – H.J. Umbaugh & Associates summarized the changes to the water rates and explained the reasons for the increase. After asking for public comment three times and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.
2. Council President Gaby opened the Public Hearing on Sewer Rates by asking if the hearing had been properly advertised. It had. John Julian, CPA – H.J. Umbaugh & Associates summarized the changes to the sewer rates and explained the reasons for the increase. Resident Tim Owczarzak asked and received clarification regarding the Reserve for Capital Project Fund. After asking for additional public comment three times and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve ORDINANCE 2013-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 30 AND 78 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to approve ORDINANCE 2013-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED, second by Council Member Larry Ballah. MOTION CARRIED

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to name the NWI Times and the Post Tribune as our official newspapers for announcements, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED
2. Council Member Pat Schaadt introduced ORDINANCE 2013-03: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY AND WAGES OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH FOR THE YEAR 2013. This is a first reading.
3. Bids for the refurbishment of the 45th Avenue Water Reservoir were opened. Nine bids were received.

Eagle Painting	Lansing, IL	\$169,800
Jetco LTD	Prospect Heights, IL	\$154,500
Era Valdivia	Chicago, IL	\$131,200
Horizon Bros Painting	Royal Oak, MI	\$188,000
Pittsburg Tank & Tower Maint	Henderson, KY	\$205,760
Maxcor Inc	New Lenox, IL	\$209,000
Industrial Painting Contractors	Taylor, MI	\$212,500
Fedewa Inc	Nashville, MI	\$189,000
LC United Painting Co.	Sterling Heights, MI	\$118,000

Council Member Larry Ballah moved to have the Director of Public Works and the Town Attorney review the bids and report back to the council, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

4. Bids for a Combination Sewer Cleaner Vacuum Truck were opened. Three bids were received.

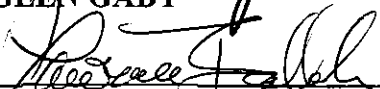
Best Equipment	Indianapolis, IN	\$322,345
Standard Equipment	Chicago, IL	\$326,534
Truck City of Gary	Gary, IN	\$329,705

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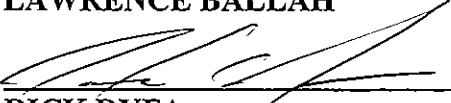
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