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JANUARY 15, 2013

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Glen Gaby called the January 15, 2013 meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah - Absent
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 December 18, 2012 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to adopt the minutes of the December 27, 2012 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the December 31, 2012 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next council meeting will be Tuesday February 5th at 7:00 pm. A study session will be held at 6:30 before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.
- b. There will be a public hearing on utility rates Tuesday February 5, 2013 at the start of the council meeting.
- c. There will be a council study session on Tuesday February 12th at 5:00 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. NONE

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)
4. Board of Public Works – Board Member Rick Ryfa moved to appoint George Jerome to the Lake County Solid Waste Management District, second by member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
5. Public Works – No Report
6. Police – Patrols funded by the Violence Reduction Interlocal Agreement will begin this week.
7. Fire – No Report – Council Member Pat Schaadt complimented the department for their quick response to the fire on her block.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve ORDINANCE 2012-38: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 PARKS AND RECREATION, TO ALLOW DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CENTRAL PARK, THE SENIOR CENTER OR ON OTHER TOWN PROPERTY PURSUANT TO A VALID ALCOHOL PERMIT, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to affirm the favorable recommendation of the BZA in regard to a Special Use Variance to allow a Professional Office in an I-1 Zoning District at 233 S Colfax, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Council Member Rick Ryfa introduced 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. This is a first reading. John Julian, CPA, H.J. Umbaugh & Associates provided a brief explanation of the gap that exists in funding requirements of the Water Utility require an adjustment in rates.
3. Council Member Pat Schaadt introduced ORDINANCE 2013-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA AS FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED. This is a first reading. John Julian again explained the need for a rate adjustment, this time to sewer rates.
4. Liaison Assignments:
 - a. Safety Board – Glen Gaby
 - b. Park Board – Pat Schaadt
 - c. Sanitary and Stormwater – George Jerome
 - d. BZA Larry Ballah
 - e. RDC & EDC – Rick Ryfa & George Jerome
 - f. EMS – Pat Schaadt
 - g. NIRPC – Stan Dobosz
 - h. LCSWMD – Rick Ryfa
5. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to appoint Fire Lt Donald Hill to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, second by Council Member Rick Ryfa. MOTION CARRIED
6.
 - a. Council President Glen Gaby re-appointed Tim Owczarzak and Bob Kurtz to the Redevelopment Commission for terms ending 12/31/2013.
 - b. Council Member Rick Ryfa moved to appoint Rich Leber to the Redevelopment Commission for a term ending 12/31/2013, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
7. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Broad Street II Supplemental Agreements #2 and #3 in the amounts of \$53,526 and \$37,350 respectively, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NONE

There being no further business to come before this Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Russ Govert, 1209 E Elm expressed concern about the fire damaged home at Colfax and E Elm.

Mike Kitzmiller, 121 N Raymond asked about a quiet zone at the Main St crossing near Wiggs St.

Red Anderson, 1447 N Harvey expressed concern about roads being damaged during the Enbridge pipeline project.

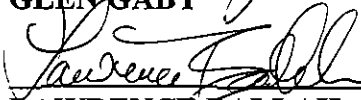
Robert Bubala, 1103 E Miller expressed appreciation for the efforts in Indianapolis regarding Calumet Township.

There being no further business to come before this Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

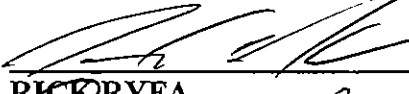
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