

October 17, 2017

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the October 17, 2017 meeting to order at 7:02pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Council Member James Marker read the names of Police Officers killed in the line of duty:
Police Officer Charleston V. Hartfield, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, NV
Police Officer Floyd East, Jr., Texas Tech University Police Department, TX
Correctional Officer Justin Smith, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Prisons, NC
Correctional Enterprises Manager Veronica Darden, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Prisons, ND
Police Officer Marcus McNeil, New Orleans Police Department, LA

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

John C. Volkmann- Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner
Robert Schwerd – Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief - Absent
Don Hill – Asst. Fire Chief
Rick Konopasek – Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Tony Hobson moved to adopt the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 14413 – 14716, \$910,583.71 (Nine hundred and ten thousand, five hundred and eighty-three dollars and seventy-one cents). Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Lawrence Ballah. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:00pm. A Study Session will be held at 6:30pm before the meeting and one will follow if necessary. There will be a study session on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:00pm in Town Hall.
2. There will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:30pm a study session will be at 6:00pm in the Town Hall.
3. There will be a special Town Council on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Town Hall the purpose of this meeting is to adopt the 2018 Budget.
4. Tonight's meeting is the public hearing for the 2018 Budget. It is available for viewing on line at www.budgetnotices.in.gov or by calling (888)739-9826.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve a request by Calumet Christian School to place large yard signs at the Park and at the corner of Ridge Road and Broad St. to advertise their live/silent auction on November 4, 2017, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

Public Works – Public Works Director Rick Konopasek announced that the Griffith Water Department will be replacing a main line valve and broken fire hydrant and this will necessitate the Main Line to be shut down. The work is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017. A boil advisory will be in effect until water samples have passed State of Indiana water quality standards. The affected areas will be

notified via a Code Red One Call and by placing notices on the doors of the affected residences.

Police – No Report

Fire – No Report

Finance – Council President Rick Ryfa stated that we are in the process of finalizing the 2018 Budget. The final adoption will be on Monday, October 30, 2018 at a special Town Council meeting. The meeting is at 6:00pm in Town Hall.

PENDING ITEMS:

1. TOWNSHIP ISSUES:

- a. Calumet Township Secession update: Council President Rick Ryfa gave the following update. There will be a petition signing at Central Park on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm. The signing will take place immediately following the Veterans Day celebration in Central Park.
- b. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None**

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-50, an ordinance approving the Clerk Treasurer of the Town of Griffith to accept debit/credit cards for the various payments to the Town, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson. Motion Carried.

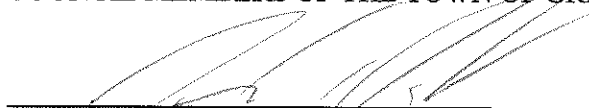
NEW BUSINESS:


- a. Council Member Lawrence Ballah made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-51, a resolution authorizing additional non-levied appropriations, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins. Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA



Rick Ryfa – President


Larry Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: John C. Volkmann
Clerk Treasurer