

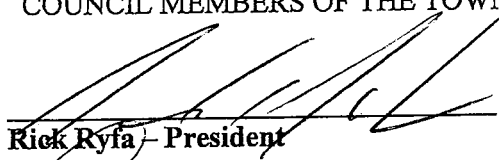
**Pending Items:**

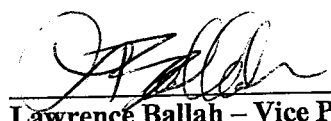
1. **Sidewalk Replacement Program:** No Update
2. **Airport Advisory Committee:** No Update
3. **Hammond Water Works Agreement:** No Update

**Public Comment:**


**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

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

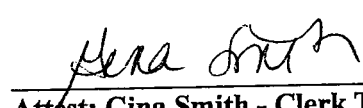
  
Rick Ryfa - President

  
Lawrence Ballah - Vice President

  
James Marker

  
Tony Hobson

  
Melissa Robbins

  
Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

## REPORTS:

- Public Works- No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance Report – No Report

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

## BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2021-24** – Reimbursing the Police Department \$115,000.00 in Personal Services and \$35,00.00 in Other Services & Charges, total of \$150,000.00, Monies they have paid out and now being reimbursed. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-24, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried
2. **Additional Appropriations Ordinance 2021-31 - Capital** Outlays the total amount appropriated \$300,000.00, this is mainly used to purchase the building to expand. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-31, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.
3. **BZA Finding of Facts – Midwest Express** – Application of CKM Carpentry Services on behalf of owner, Aaron McDermott, for a special use exception variance to open a medical clinic at 1923 W Glen Park Ave. Griffith Indiana, in a zoned B-3 district. The BZA held a public hearing, there were several comments made and questions that were answered and a favorable recommendation from BZA to the Town Council to provide this special use variance Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to accept the BZA Findings and grant the special use to Aaron McDermott for 1923 W Glen Park Ave. Griffith, IN seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.
4. **BZA Finding of Facts – Set ‘Em Up – Application** of Set ‘Em Up, Inc., located at 145 N Broad St. Griffith Indiana, for a variance of use to use the parking area at the corner of Broad St. and Columbia as a patio for patrons of the existing Set ‘Em Up Bar and Restaurant, in a Zoned B2 District. Board of Zoning made a favorable recommendation to the Town Council, Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to allow the use, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Council Member Tony Hobson abstained from voting, Motion Carried.
5. **BZA Finding of Facts – Restaurant Depot** – Recommendation from the BZA for Cedarwood Development, Inc on behalf of property owner JDMH Real Estate of Griffith, LLC requesting a development variance for a property located in a B-3 Zoning District located at 611-613 E. Ridge Rd. Griffith Indiana. Council Member James Marker made a motion to accept the Findings of the BZA to allow variance, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.

**June 29, 2021**

## **TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 29, 2021 meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:**

Sergeant Erasmo Garcia-Torres  
Police Officer Joseph Burson  
Police Officer Gordon Beesley  
Police Officer Kevin Apple

### **ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins

### **ALSO ATTENDING:**

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer  
Greg Mance – Chief of Police Absent  
Steve McDermott – Building Commissioner  
Sheri Bradtke McNeil – Attorney for the Town  
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief - Absent  
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works - Absent

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, Motion Carried.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Claims # 33801-34107 \$1,374,515.19 Council Member James Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, Motion Carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Town Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and one will follow if necessary. Depending on other meetings.
2. Griffith Central Market – Independence Day Celebration Friday, July 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. with Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.
3. Independence Day Parade – Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (Route Broad Street starting at Ash St. to Main St.)
4. The Study Session on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 will likely be cancelled.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Council President Rick Ryfa stated we had a late communication come, Mr. Tim McCully, 710 Darcy Lane, requesting a handicap parking sign placed in front of his house. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to approve the handicap parking sign contingent on the Safety Committee approval seconded by Council Member James Marker, Motion Carried.