

August 15, 2023

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the August 15, 2023, meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Deputy Marshal Barry Giglio
Sergeant Pedro Torres-Santos
Police Officer Jonah Oswald

Firefighter Benjamin Charles Sapper
Pilot Tony Sosa
Captain Timothy Rodriguez
Assistant Chief Josh Bischoff

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Various Funds \$1,971,755.99 Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

REPORTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

James Yanacopoulos from the law firm Karansky, Bauer and Peraki PC, representing 501-525 South Colfax LLC, Colfax North-1045 Reeder LLC, and Octagon Corporation. All three which filed written remonstrances with respect to Gene Berryman request for 1033 Reder Rd, rezoning from I1 to R1. The remonstrances were filed with the Plan Commission. Requesting to continue

the remonstrances and create the proper record. Comprehensive plan, current condition. Exhibits 1-7.

Gene Berryman stated the house went on the market middle of July 2 offers, FHA loan will not finish loan until letter for rezone, offer price \$279,000.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Park Board Appointment: Council Member Jim Marker made a recommendation for Daniel Rodriguez to fill the position, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

2. Findings of Fact 1033 Reder Rd. Rezone from I1 to R1: Council Member Melissa Robbins read the recommendation from the Griffith Plan Commission which unanimously passed, (attached to Minutes). Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion that we adopt the Findings of Fact for rezoning from I1 to R1 and authorize the Building Commissioner to enforce Residents and such and an Ordinance that we can enter into at the next Town Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Council President Rick Ryfa stated we are accepting the Findings of Fact, we will instruct our Attorney to develop an Ordinance that will present at the next meeting which would officially make the zoning in place and our Building Commissioner is authorized to notify the participating parties that this is happening, all in favor, Motion Carried.

Pending Items: NONE

Council President Rick Ryfa opened the Water Board Meeting at 7:46 pm.

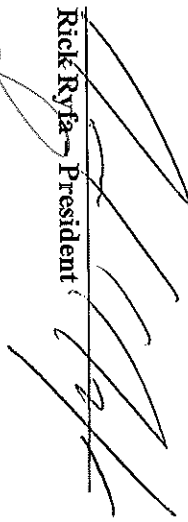
Council President Rick Ryfa opened the Town Council Meeting at 7:47 pm.

Public Comment:

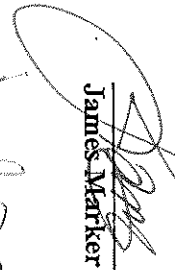
Gene Berryman asked for a letter regarding the rezone of his property.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned to 7:48 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