

**September 5, 2023**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the September 5, 2023, meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Police Officer Anthony Francone

**ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah - Absent  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer  
Greg Mance – Chief of Police - Absent  
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 15, 2023, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Various Funds \$1,358,840.76 Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Town Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19, 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.
2. There will be a Water Board meeting on September 19, 2023, following the Town Council Meeting.
3. There is an opening for a Part-time Senior Center Staff Member.

**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:**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Fireworks Display Permit, GPS: September 15, 2023: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to give permission for the Fireworks Permit, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

2. Constitution Week: September 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023: Council Member Melissa Robbins read the Proclamation, made a motion to allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the Proclamation, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance No. 2023-22: Council Member Tony Hobson read the First Reading of the Ordinance Rezoning certain Real Estate within the Town of Griffith.

**Pending Items: NONE**

**Public Comment:**

Sue Katona: provided a list of 36 names requesting the Senior Center remain open.

Gilbert Veldazo: Enjoyed festivals, losing money.

Carlos: Looking to review wastewater increase, has the town tried to get water from other sources.

**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned to 7:26 p.m.**

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

  
Rick Ryfa – President

  
James Marker

  
Melissa Robbins

*Absent*  
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Lawrence Ballah – Vice President

  
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Tony Hobson

  
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Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer