

June 4, 2024

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the June 4, 2024, meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Police Officer Jacob Derbin
Trooper First Class Aaron Pelletier
Police Officer Jamal Mitchell
Agent Davis Geovanni Martinez
Police Officer Joshua Briese

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Various Funds: May 7, 2024, \$661,969.34 June 4, 2024, \$669,993.56: 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, June 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 pm, and one will follow if necessary.
2. There will be a Water Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, following the Town Council meeting.

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: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Council President Rick Ryfa stated we have two items requesting in addition to the agenda: First the Storm Water Management and Technical Review, Ryfa entertained a motion to add, so moved by Council Member Tony Hobson, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

The second item is a document to Ratify to authorize an advertising to bid for Main Street and execution of project title sheet, Council Member Jim Marker made to the motion, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried. These items are 5 and 6.

1. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Purchase of Engineering

Services and other Services, Supplies, and Equipment for Mutual Benefit:

This is a study for the flow of water from Broad Street to Turkey Creek, this will be paid for in support by the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission, the amount of \$131,280.00 and the Towns portion will be \$32,820.00. Council Member Jim Marker made a motion authorizing

President Ryfa to sign this document for the Interlocal agreement, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

2. Ordinance 2024-6: Salary Amendment: The main reason for this to adjust our longevity bonus for our Officers, the 24-year officers, very minimal amount cost to the Town, increase for the officers that are retired or will be retiring after 24 or more years. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to suspend the rules to vote on this tonight, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, roll call taken, all in favor, rules suspended, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-6, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

3. Country Market June 28th and 29th: The Town will be sponsoring a Country Market on June 28th and 29th, Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the Town to sell beer and wine and to accept the application price for all vendors for this special market, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

4. Wood Street Drainage Improvement Project, Construction Inspection and Administration Services: We had gone out to bid for this particular project, Council Member Tony Hobson made a combined motion that we award the Construction Inspection and Administrative services to BF&S for a not to exceed amount of \$49,850.00, and in the same motion to award the project to Gatlin Heating and Plumbing, their bid came in at \$795,000.00 which was below estimates and the lowest responsive bidder, seconded by Council Member, Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

5. Storm Water Management and Technical Review: IDMI issued an update MS4 GP on December 18, 2024, based on the updated requirements revise the existing Ordinance and Tech Standards manual the proposed updates are required to be met by July 5, 2024, the updates have been reviewed by staff and meet IDMI permit requirements, the key changes include the addition of guidance for best management measures for construction post construction and low impact development. Council Member Melissa Robbins stated this is the first reading, no action this evening.

6. Ratify the Authorization to bid Main Street: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion that we ratify the authorization to bid for the Main Street project as mentioned earlier, CCMG project, matching grants, also

execute the project Title Sheet, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

Pending Items: NONE

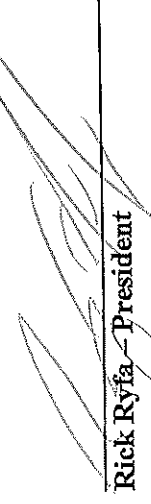
Public Comment:


Veronica Smith: Golf carts on bike trail

Jackie Braun: Golf carts on Broad and Main, infants in carts.


There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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


Rick Ryfa - President

Lawrence Ballah - Vice President



James Marker

Tony Hobson

Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer

Melissa Robbins

