

July 2, 2024

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 2, 2024, meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Deputy Sheriff Bradley J. Reckling
Youth Counselor Corey Proulx
Deputy Sheriff William Butler, Jr.

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
Building Commissioner
Alfredo Estrada – Attorney for the Town
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works
Curt Burrow – Griffith PD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Various Funds: \$2,237,756.33: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve both claims, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next Town Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 16, 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, July 16, 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
- Council President Rick Ryfa reminded residents that trash pick up will be delayed one day, on Friday, due to the Fourth of July Holiday.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance No. 2024-7: Storm Water Management and Technical Review,**
Second Reading: Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-7, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance No. 2024-8:** First Reading, Ordinance Establishing a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area. Indiana Code 7.1-3-31 allows a municipality to create, by Ordinance a DORA. Council Member Tony Hobson gave the first reading. Council President Rick Ryfa noted this will only be in affect from August 29th to September 1st.
2. **Resolution 2024-3:** Authorizing and Directing the Town Council President of the Town of Griffith to submit a Project Proposal for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Federal Fiscal Years 22024: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion authorizing Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the authorization, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.
3. **Appointment of Board Member of the Lake County Convention & Visitors Bureau:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to Re-Appoint Matthew Schuffert to the South Shore Board, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.
4. **Griffith Rock N Rail:** August 29th to September 1st. The Vender fees have increased slightly, Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the Event and the new application and fees for Rock N Rail, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.
5. **Bid Openings:** Main Street Road Reconstruction:
 1. Gariup Construction: Total Cost \$4,418,050.00: A. \$3,797,500.00. / B. \$620,550.00
 2. Rieth-Riley: \$3,302,202.59: A. \$2,880,610.38 / B. \$421,592.21
 3. Grimmer Construction: \$3,597,094.40 A. \$3,064,683.40 / B. \$532,411.00
 4. Milestone Contractors North, LLC \$2,778,953.40 / A. \$2,428,953.40 / B. \$350,000.00
 5. Gatlin Plumbing: \$2,700,000.00 / A. \$2,350,000.00 / B. \$350,000.00

Council President Rick Ryfa entertained a Motion to turn these over to our Town Attorney and Engineers for a recommendation, moved by Council Member Melissa Robbins, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

Pending Items: NONE

Public Comment:

Barry Poole: Thanked Council for their support for the Fright Noise Event over the last two years, represents a small nonprofit in town. Promote suicide prevention and awareness. Requesting the use of Central Park in October.

Resident: Golf carts driving on main streets

Rick Konopasek: Storm water management changes, Main Street re-construction

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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


Rick Ryfa - President


James Marker


Melissa Robbins


Lawrence Ballah - Vice President

Tony Hobson


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer