

**July 16, 2024**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 16, 2024, meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Police Officer Jamieson Ritter  
Detective Fernando Esqueda

**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 July 2, 2024, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Various Funds: \$1,765,204.51: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve both claims, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. There will be a Re-Development meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 6:45 pm, there will be a Study session at 6:30 pm and one will follow if necessary.
2. The next Town Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 7:00, there will be a study session before the meeting at 6:30 pm, and one will follow if necessary.

**COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

**REPORTS:**

- Public Works- Storm/Wind Cleaning up, waiting on NIPSCO for a few situations especially on Main St.
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance Report – No Report

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

Council President Rick Ryfa entertained a motion to add three items to the agenda, so moved by Council Member Jim Marker, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Ordinance No. 2024-8: Establishing a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area Second Reading:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-8, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Resolution 2024-3: Authorizing the Town of Griffith, Indiana to enter into an agreement with County of Lake, Indiana in undertaking Community Development:** Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-3, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.  
**Cooperation Agreement with Town of Griffith and Lake County:** Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.
- 2. Notice of Award Main Street Road Reconstruction:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to award the bid to Gatlin Plumbing, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.
- 3. Notice to Proceed:** Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to authorize Council President Rick Ryfa to sign the agreement between Gatlin and the Town of Griffith, after attorney reviews, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.
- 4. The Attraction Hearing Revocation of Business License:** Council President Rick Ryfa entertained a motion to continue, so moved by Council Member Tony Hobson, seconded by Council member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.
- 5. St Mary's Fireworks Permit:** Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the Fireworks Permit for August 18, 2024, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**Pending Items: NONE**

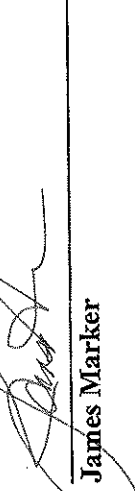
**Pause for Water Board Meeting 7:16 pm**  
**Resume the Town Council Meeting 7:17 pm**


**Public Comment: NONE**


**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 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