

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the November 19, 2024, meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Police Officer Enrique Martinez
Police Officer Evan Dunn

ROLL CALL:

James Marker - Absent
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
Jim Sibley – Griffith PD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2024, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the claims of \$1,108,888.16, seconded by Council Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a Redevelopment Meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 6:45, 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, December 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm, there will be a study session at 6:30 pm and one will follow if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Water Service Study: Notifications were mailed out through US Mail; the Town had recently completed. The EPA mandated inspection of our service lines which would be from our main line to the home. We submitted the results. The letters would have stated either you had a known or unknown line, in any case no lead was found. Any home built after 1987 would not have received a letter. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department.

REPORTS:

- Public Works- Heavy leaf program currently going on. Catch up after Thanksgiving.
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance Report – No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Midwest Auto Business License:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to continue, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.
2. **Appeal Regarding Building Permit:** Council President Rick Ryfa entertained a motion to continue, so moved by Council Member Tony Hobson, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Temporary Easement NIPSCO:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to grant Temporary Easement and allow Council President Rick Ryfa to sign, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.
2. **Engineering Agreement Butler Fairman & Seufert, INC:** Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion authorizing Council President Rick Ryfa to sign for the Pavement Inventory/Evaluation/ Assessment, MVH Analysis and Asset Management Plan Submission with Butler, Fairman & Seufert and any other that are required by the December 1st deadline, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, Ryfa noted there is maybe 10 different types of services that were suggested in the contract, he clarified with Council Member Melissa Robbins there are up to three and what is needed that is required by the deadline, December 1st, for the 2025 CCMG, all in favor, Motion Carried.
3. **Interlocal Agreement: Town of Griffith and Griffith Public Schools:** Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion authorizing Council President Rick Ryfa to sign, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.
4. **Memorandum of Understanding: Interlocal Agreement Griffith Social Workers/SRO'S:** Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion authorizing Council President Rick Ryfa to sign, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.
5. **Ordinance 2024-11: Authorizing the Town of Griffith to make Temporary Loans:** Council Member Tony Hobson gave the first reading for Ordinance 2024-11. First Reading no action.

Pending Items: NONE

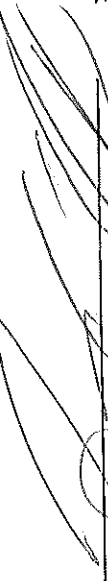
Water Board Meeting

Public Comment:

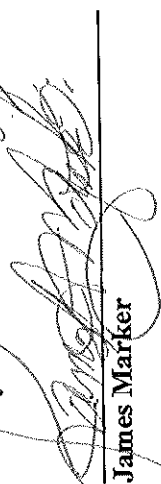
Don McCarter: Temporary Loans, Tif area
Jordan Adams: Water lines, replace with industrial plastic.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.


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



Rick Rýfa – President


Lawrence Ballah – Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer