

February 18, 2025

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the February 18, 2025, meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Officer Jason Roscow
Police Officer Jeremy R. Labonte

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Al Tharp – 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 Melissa Robbins a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$854,509.74, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a Redevelopment meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 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, March 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm, there will be a study session at 6:30 pm and one will follow if necessary.

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:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Change Order #1 Wood Street Storm Sewer Improvements: This change order has been reviewed by our Town Engineer, and they approved, original Contract amount for this project was \$795,000.00, change order #1 is for \$57,243.20, bringing the total contract amount to \$852,243.20. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to approve Change Order #1, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.
2. 2022 Check Write Off: The Clerk Treasurer has 2022 checks which must be written off the books in 2025, total amount of \$1,974.42, Council Member Jim Marker made a motion authorizing to write these checks off, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.
3. 2024-2 CCMG Award: This is for the second phase of Main Street from the Railroad tracks from Lafayette to the Railroad tracks at Wiggs. We received construction bids for the project. Reith Riley was found to be the lowest, responsible, and responsive bidder with an actual low bid of \$548,435.50. Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion we approve the notice of award and authorize Town Council President to sign, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.
4. Public Hearing Popeye's: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to continue the hearing on March 18, 2025, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

7:21 PM Recessed for Water Board Meeting

7:22 PM Adjourned

7:22 PM resumed Town Council Meeting

PENDING ITEMS: NONE

Public Comment: NONE

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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


Rick Kyfa - President


Lawrence Ballah - Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer