

**March 18, 2025**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the March 18, 2025, meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Police Officer Felicia Dee Reilly  
Detective Joseph Anthony Azcona

**ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2025, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$811,011.34, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**REPORTS:**

- Public Works- No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report
- Finance Report – No Report

Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to amend the agenda, adding item # 4: Schools Permits, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Park Rental Fees: Ordinance No. 2025-4 Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to suspend the rules, roll call taken, all in favor, Motion Carried. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-4 seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.
2. Public works purchase Vactor 2100i Fan Sewer Cleaner: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to authorize Council President Rick Ryfa to sign for the purchase, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.
3. Advertisement to Bid: Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to approve the advertisement to bid, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.
4. Resolution 2025-1: Reduction in Permit Fees for the Griffith Public School Corporation: Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-1, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.

Water Board Meeting: 7:16 pm end 7:17 pm

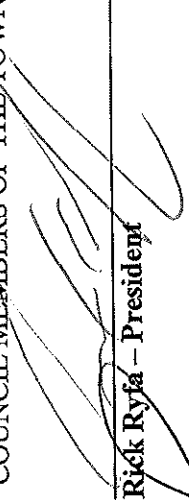
**PENDING ITEMS: NONE**

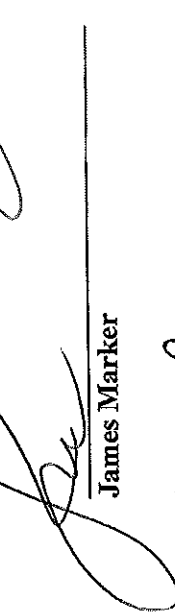
**Public Comment:**

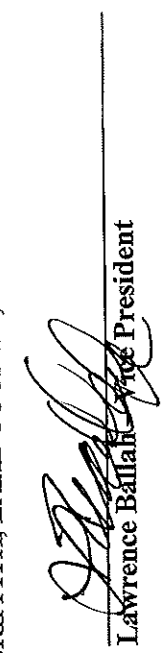
Popeye's 30-day continuance: Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to move to the hearing to April 15, 2025, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

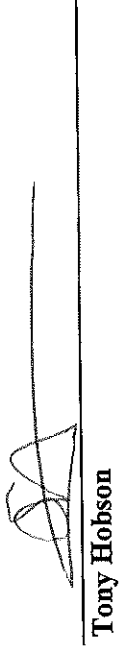
**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.**


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

  
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Rick Ryfa – President

  
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James Marker

  
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Lawrence Ballah – President

  
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Tony Hobson

  
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Melissa Robbins

  
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Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer