

**April 1, 2025**

**TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council President Rick Ryfa called the April 1, 2025, meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Sergeant Grant Candies  
Police Officer Osmar Rodarte

**ROLL CALL:**

James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah  
Rick Ryfa  
Tony Hobson  
Melissa Robbins

**ALSO ATTENDING:**

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer  
Al Tharp – Chief of Police  
Building Commissioner  
Alfredo Estrada – Attorney for the Town - Absent  
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief  
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works  
Bryan E. Bott – Burke Costanza & Carberry Law Firm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 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 \$747,993.22, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Town Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm, there will be a study session at 6:30 pm and one will follow if necessary.
2. There will be a Water Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, following the Town Council Meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**REPORTS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE**

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

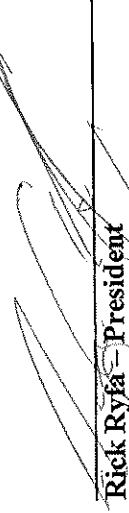
1. Resolution 2025-2: Declaring April 5, 2025, as Glen "Bud" Gaby Day: Council Member Jim Marker read the Resolution and made a motion to Declare April 5, 2025, Glen "Bud" Gaby Day, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.
2. Public works purchase Vactor 2100i Fan Sewer Cleaner: Authorization for Clerk Treasurer to obtain financing: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to authorize the Clerk Treasurer to obtain financing for this Vactor Truck, seconded by Council Member Melissa Robbins, all in favor, Motion Carried.
3. 2024 Annual TIF Report: Report to the fiscal body, received from the Redevelopment Commission, Council Member Melissa Robbins made a motion to accept the 2024 TIF Report, seconded by Council Member Tony Hobson, all in favor, Motion Carried.
4. Griffith Downtown Business Façade Program: Council President Rick Ryfa announced The Redevelopment Commission had passed a Resolution creating a Façade and Sign Program for the 2025 year starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, this program will allow applicants in the Downtown business area from the 300 Block of South Broad Street to the 500 Block of North Broad Street and on Main Street from Colfax to North Griffith Blvd. This will allow them to apply for a matching grant for a sign or façade. The sign amount total that is eligible is \$10,000.00 (which would be a 50/50 match. The façade program would allow \$15,000.00 for a total project cost which would be a 50/50 match as well. Council Member Larry Ballah made a motion that we adopt these recommendations by the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Council Member Jim Marker, all in favor, Motion Carried.

**PENDING ITEMS: NONE**

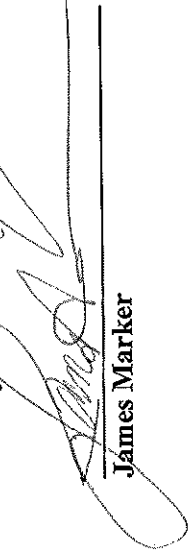
**Public Comment:**

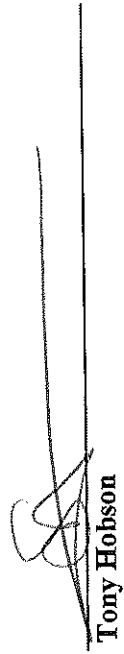
**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.**

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

  
Rick Ryfa - President

  
Lawrence Ballah - Vice President

  
James Marker

  
Tony Hobson

  
Melissa Robbins

  
Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer