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TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the meeting of May 20, 2008, to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Town Hall, 111 N. Broad Street, Griffith, Indiana.

ROLL CALL

Glen Gaby
George Jerome
Rick Ryfa
Michael Gulley
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING

Ronald Szafarczyk – Clerk Treasurer
Rick Konopasek – Public Works Director
Ronald Kottka – Police Chief
George Thiel – Fire Chief
Robert Schwerd – Town Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2008 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Michael Gulley.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Claims numbering 1393 through 1588 in the amount of \$579,809.93 FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS AND NINETY THREE CENTS were presented for payment. Council Member George Jerome moved to accept the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Glen Gaby.

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Town Council meeting Tuesday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m., Study Session to follow, if needed
2. Study Session Tuesday, May 27th, at 4:30 p.m.,
3. All Municipal Offices and Public Works will be Closed Monday, May, 26th in observance of “Memorial Day”
4. Memorial Day service, Central Park, Monday 26th, at 10:00 a.m.
5. New Web site www.griffith.in.gov

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Council President Rick Ryfa stated that all department heads would receive a letter requesting budget proposals to be calculated 3 ways. One, is what the department’s operating needs are, two, a 5% budget cut and three a 10% budget cut. In no way does the Council want pay cuts and no Police or Fireman taken off the streets.

REPORTS

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz spoke on the CN – EJ&E railroad stating that the

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Surface Transportation Board has been overwhelmed with letters & petitions opposed to the CN / EJ&E road plan. There are many environmental issues that must be answered and that takes time.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Council Member George Jerome moved to grant permission for the Clerk Treasurer to advertise for a Tax Anticipation Warrant, seconded by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED

Council Member George Jerome focused discussion on the need to review a cash projection for the next 12 months.

b. Council Member Michael Gulley moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-11, A Resolution To Transfer Appropriations**, seconded by Council Member George Jerome. MOTION CARRIED (See Attached)

c. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt **Proclamation No. 2008-11, To Designate the Week of May 18th – 24th as Emergency Medical Services Week**, seconded by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED (See Attached)

d. Council Member Glen Gaby stated that on May 13th, Mr. Timothy Sheline requested that the Council overrule the decision of the Building Commissioner revoking his building permit for the installation of footings for a garage on his property at 426 N. Arbogast. Mr. Sheline and his attorney agreed that the footings did not meet code requirements; however, they asked this Council to waive the code requirements based upon a report from their engineer. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to reaffirm the decision of the Building Commissioner and order Mr. Sheline to remove the footings, which do not meet our building code, seconded by Council Member Michael Gulley. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

1.Mr. Reese, 1912 N. Indiana, commented on the number of out of state license plates on vehicles and trucks traveling through town. Police Chief Ronald Kottka explained the license plate situation and stated he will contact the city of Hammond to see how they handle this problem.

2. Mr. Anderson, 1447 N. Harvey, complained of through trucks specifically on Broad Street. Council President Rick Ryfa mentioned that we would like to eliminate trucks on Broad Street.

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There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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TOWN OF GRIFFITH

GLEN GABY

GEORGE JEROME

RICK RYFA

MICHAEL GULLEY

RONALD J. SZAFARCZYK
CLERK TREASURER

STAN DOBOSZ

