

MINUTES
ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 9, 2023
PUBLIC MEETING
ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein and Cheryl Clifton. Also present Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman, Scott Neukom and via zoom attorney Bill Eberhard and Charity Murphy. Not present Leigh Pranger. See also sign in sheet.

Pledge was said.

Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business

Budget Approval: Budget was approved and signed. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the budget. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Address correction from last meeting September 9, 2023 of 350 Front St. to 370 Front St. Rome City, IN 46784: No action was needed the change was noted.

New Business

Attorney Bill Eberhard sewer finances and loan discussion: Bill spoke to the Town Council regarding the sewer funds and the shortage of funds. Bill recommended that the town to hire a professional to help the town review our financial state and what the financial future looks like regarding taking out a loan or a bond to cover current and future expenses and the payback plan. Bill stated the cost would be potentially between \$7,000 and \$15,000. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the hiring of a professional. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Appointment of Tiffany Parker to Noble County Convention and Visitors Bureau: Cheryl asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Tiffany Parker. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Leaf pick up starting the last week of October, Leigh to make a flier: Heidi presented the flier and dates of the leaf pick up starting October 30, 2023. Cheryl asked to have the flier emailed to the Council, placed on the Rome City Facebook page and sign at Town Hall.

Resolution #2023-03 Meeting Conduct: Heidi presented Resolution #2023-03 A Resolution of the Rome City Town Council Adopting a Decorum Policy Regarding Personal Conduct in the Town Hall and During Meetings. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-14. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Resolution #2023-04 Money Transfer for Sewer Accounts: Heidi presented Resolution #2023-04 A Resolution of the Rome City Town Council of Rome City, IN Authorizing Transfer of Funds. Kirk Klein asked for a motion to approve Resolution #2023-04. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ordinance #2023-16 No Parking Overnight sign for Gaff Park: Heidi presented Ordinance #2023-16 No Overnight Parking in Gaff Park Ordinance. Cheryl asked for a motion to Ordinance #2023-16. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Address Approval for Rob Lewis 858 Lions Drive Rome City, IN 46784 and Boyd's Auto Recovery 8041 N State Road 9 Kendallville, IN 46755: Cheryl asked for a motion to approve the additional address. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Sign new Nepotism Policies: Heidi presented the Council with the new forms. Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein, Cheryl Clifton and Heidi Lang completed the new forms.

ASBO P-Card application, Town credit card: Heidi presented information of the P-Card program with the Council and asked for approval to move forward with the application process for a new town credit card program and signature of Resolution #2023-05 required for the application process. Cheryl asked for a motion to approve the completion of the application process for the new credit card. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Departmental Reports

Town Manager, monthly (see attached)
Street/Wastewater, monthly (see attached)
Town Marshall, monthly (see attached)

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$86,948.77

SEWER OPERATING: \$55,051.90

Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the claims. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next Town Council meeting November 13, 2023 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to adjourn. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

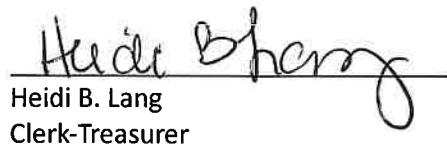
At the conclusion of the meeting Cindy O'Brien tripped over some chairs as she was standing to leave the meeting.

ROME CITY TOWN HALL



Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:



Heidi B. Lang
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Clerk-Treasurer