

**MINUTES**  
**ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**ROME CITY TOWN HALL**  
**402 KELLY STREET**  
**ROME CITY, IN 46784**

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. Members present Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein and Cheryl Clifton. Also present Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman, Scott Neukom, Charity Murphy. See also sign in sheet.

Pledge was said.

**New Business**

**Sewer Rate Increase:** Charity presented the sewer rate increase Ordinance #2023-15 for Council approval and signatures. This ordinance was advertised. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the sewer rate increase. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Tax Abatement – Precision Medical:** Charity presented the Tax Abatement Resolution #2023-02 to the council for approval and signatures. Kirk Klein asked for a motion to approve the tax abatement. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Payment Proposal for the Park Plan Update:** Leigh asked the Council to approve the encumberment of funding for the Park Plan Update. Heidi to send a copy of the encumberment to George Helton. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-14. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.


**Commonwealth Engineering – Wastewater Pond #2 Repair:** Jeremy Hardy with Commonwealth Engineering discussed the barrier for pond #2 and the option for mixtures of components to fix the pond wall. Currently needing depth information from Terracon. Also, currently looking for contractors to quote and obtain those quotes quickly. The area of the pond needing repair will be prepped this week while waiting on Geo and the depth results. Pursuant to Ind Code 36-1-12-9, council authorizes the emergency repair to the sewer facility and direct to that pursuant to that code that at least 2 quotes from qualified contractors are obtained to perform those repairs. See attached list of the contractors quotes were requested from. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the repair of pond # 2. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Heidi Lang, Leigh Pranger and Bill Eberhard are working on a financial plan to cover costs of the repairs to the ponds, main lift station and updating of stations around the town. Cheryl would prefer to not use a bond and Charity also discussed her thoughts and issues with using bonds and getting us locked in financially with a bond if the plant needs additional work in the coming years.

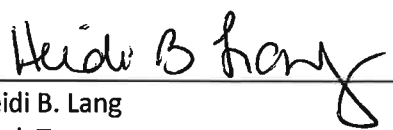
Next Town Council meeting November 13, 2023 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58pm. Kirk asked for a motion to adjourn. Cheryl seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:

  
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Heidi B. Lang  
Clerk-Treasurer