

MINUTES
ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 2025
PUBLIC MEETING
ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784

Cheryl Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present Cheryl Clifton, Kirk Klein and Ken Cook. Also, present were Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman and Attorney Dustin Glick. See also sign in sheet.

Pledge was said.

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

Old Business

Follow Up on Ordinance Violations: Paul informed the Council that one residence needs to remove tires, another residence needs to remove a trailer. A weed violation has been resolved. Tagged one abandoned vehicle that was resolved. Notified the resident at 102 Weston regarding vehicle maintenance on the street. There has been no further activity at 102 Weston.

Sewer Rate Study: The Sewer Rate Increase was passed on the Second Reading. Kirk made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-05 Sewer Rate Increase. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Salary Ordinance: Salary Ordinance 2025-06 was passed. Kirk made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance 2025-06. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2026 Holiday Schedule: The Holiday Schedule for 2026 was passed. Kirk made a motion to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

New Business

Town Insurance Coverage for 2026 – Jarrod Ramer: Jarrod presented the Council with the Insurance Coverage options for 2026. Jarrod presented options from Trident and HCC. The Council decided to go with HCC for 2026 coverage. Kirk made a motion to approve insurance coverage through HCC for 2026. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Concerned Business Owners and Adjacent Property Owners in the Front Street Business District: Mark Shaver addressed the Council with concerns regarding businesses being broken into on Front Street and suspicious activities regarding the property at 116 Front Street. See statement in minutes. Marshal Hoffman stated that business checks are still being conducted but they are out of business cards to show that the checks have been performed. The Council was also asked if an ordinance could be passed regarding having one window open and visible from the sidewalk and street to see inside the building. Marshal Hoffman also stated that the trespassing residents had been removed from 116 Front Street and No Trespassing signs have been posted. Extra patrols are also in effect.

Pulver Asphalt Resurface Tennis/Pickleball Courts Kelly Park 2nd Billing: The Town has received the second invoice to cover the cost of the resurfacing on the Tennis/Pickleball courts at Kelly Park. Leigh asked for approval of payment on the second invoice for \$23,500.00. Kirk made a motion to approve the payment for the second invoice. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Approval of ADA Path in Grant Park \$61,750 and Fencing at Tennis Court: On behalf of the Park Board Leigh asked the Council for approval for fencing at Kelly Park for the tennis court, mulch for Lakeside Park and fencing, bench and ADA path at Grant Park. The mulch quote is around \$4,000.00. Kirk made a motion to approve the fencing, mulch, bench and ADA path. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2025-07 No Parking in Cul-de-Sacs on Hilltop Drive: Leigh presented the Council with Ordinance 2025-07 No Parking in Cul-de-Sacs on Hilltop Drive. No Parking signs have been ordered. Kirk made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-07. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2026 Redevelopment TIF Annual Spending: Leigh informed the Council that the Redevelopment Commission met on November 17, 2025 to review the 2026 TIF Annual Spending plan. The plan includes \$10,000-Debt Payment, \$100,000 in Capital Expenditures, \$1,000 in Professional Expenses, \$450,000 in expenditures from State, Federal and foundation grants or loans, and lastly \$50,000 in other anticipated expenditures for a total spending plan of \$611,000. Kirk made a motion to approve the 2026 TIF Annual Spending Plan. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Watershed Agreement 2026-2029: Heidi presented the Council with the Watershed Agreement for 2026-2029 with The Town of Rome City, Red Sea LLC, Lease Fruition Industries LLC, Momentum Properties LLC, Stagg Real Estate LLC, Aggregate Systems, LD Farms LLC and Orange Township Fire Department. The cost of the agreement is \$3,000.00 annually to be paid quarterly. Kirk made a motion to approve the Watershed Agreement 2026-2029. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Liability Waiver for Firearms Range for Wolcottville Use: Marshal Hoffman presented the Liability Waiver for Firearms Range for Wolcottville Use for 2026. This is the same waiver used in previous years. Wolcottville did not use the Range in 2025. Kirk made a motion to approve the Liability Waiver for Firearms Range for Wolcottville Use. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Salt/Sand Wolcottville: Leigh informed the Council that Wolcottville needed help with salting and sanding their roads. This was a one time situation and Wolcottville was charged \$350.00 for the salt, sand and workers. Kirk made a motion to approve the charge of \$350.00 to Wolcottville for salting and sanding roads. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Sign Title Release for Totaled Ford Explorer: Heidi presented the Title for the totaled Ford Explorer to be released to the insurance company. Cheryl signed the Title Release.

Discussion Regarding New Police Vehicle with Austin Chandler via Conference Call: Austin Chandler called into the meeting and provide information to the Council regarding E-Vehicles to replace the totaled Ford Explorer. Austin works for GM.

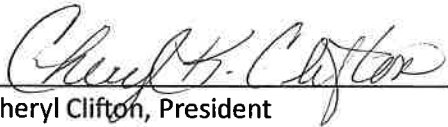
Reports were given by Leigh for the Town Manager report and Street/Wastewater and Paul gave the Marshal's Department report.

Kirk asked for a motion to approve payment of the town and sewer bills. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

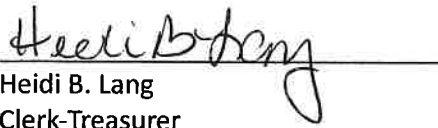
Next Town Council meeting January 12, at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Ken asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Cheryl Clifton, President

ATTEST:


Heidi B. Lang
Clerk-Treasurer