

MINUTES
ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 9, 2024
PUBLIC MEETING
ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein, Cheryl Clifton. Also present Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman and attorney Dustin Glick. Not in attendance Scott Neukom. 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. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business

Bank Loan: Heidi updated the Council regarding the loan for the sewer department. The loan for \$250,000.00 will be effective January 1, 2025 through Community State Bank with biannual payments.

New Business

2025 Region 3-A Board of Directors Appointment: Nick Heffner completed the paperwork to be on the Board of Directors for Region 3-A for 2025.

Approval to Encumber \$27,000 for Kalida Truck Equipment (Salt Spreader), \$15,750 Eshelman Excavating (Lions/Kerr Ave inlets and culverts), \$2,665 Jim Wilkinson (Stone Park Sign), \$18,246.55 Summit Supply Corp (Tables, Benches, Lady Bug Drum Park Dept): Leigh presented the Council with the funds the Park Department would like to be encumbered to 2025 to cover 4 picnic tables \$7,521.30, 4 benches \$3,289.80, Lady Bug \$7,434.45, \$12,000.00 for playground equipment and \$2665 Stone Park Sign. Leigh also asked for approval for funds for the \$27,000 salt spreader, \$15,750 Lions/Kerr Ave inlets and culverts to be encumbered to 2025. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the encumberments. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Contracting Policy Updated Paperwork: Heidi presented the Council with updated nepotism and contracting policies. The Council completed the policies.

2 Year WWTP Mowing Contract: Leigh presented the Council with two bids for mowing the wastewater treatment plant for years 2025 and 2026. The bids were submitted by J/S Lawn Service and Quality Lawn Care. The Council decided to continue to have Quality Lawn Care provide mowing services. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the two-year contract with Quality Lawn Care. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2025 Wage and Salary Ordinance: Nick presented the 2025 Wage and Salary rates. Leigh will continue to receive 8.30%, Heidi will receive 1%, Paul will receive 2%, and all other employees will receive a 4%

increase. The Building Inspector will receive \$35.00, Janitorial work will receive \$20.00 per hour and any part-time help will receive \$18.00 per hour. Plan/BZA Board will now receive \$16.50 per meeting. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the increases. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Resolution for Rainy Day Transfer: Tabled to December 30, 2024, meeting.

Resolution for Fund Transfer: Heidi presented to the Council Resolution 2024-04 to approve moving funds within the general account to balance budget appropriations. Heidi also presented Resolution 2024-05 to approve moving funds within the sewer account. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the Resolutions to moving funds. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wolcottville Firearm Agreement: Paul presented the Council with the Liability Waiver and Indemnity Agreement for Use of Firearms Range and Training Facilities for 2025 to allow Wolcottville to use Rome City's Firearm Training Range. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve Wolcottville's use of the Rome City Firearm Training Range. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Heidi presented to the Council the 2025 Paid Holiday schedule. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the 2025 Paid Holiday schedule. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Cheryl requested the hours at the Town Hall be changed to 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the new hours at Town hall. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Natalie Schelling with Commonwealth updated the Council that there is still a balance of \$28,427.05 left over from the Trail Project. Leigh will work on a list of appropriate items we can purchase with this money along the trail. Natalie will also be sending over the quarterly report for the project.

Leigh will send quote requests to local builders to add a security window in the vestibule and make the window ADA compliant.

Leigh asked for a request to approve adding address 611 Northside Drive, Rome City, IN 46784, this will be an E911 address only. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the address. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Reports were given by Leigh for the Town Manger and Utilities Department; Marshal Hoffman gave the Marshal's Department report.

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

Next Town Council Year end meeting: December 30 at 10am, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

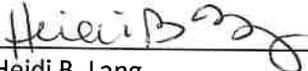
Kirk Klein asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:



Heidi B. Lang
Clerk-Treasurer