

**MINUTES
ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL**

FEBRUARY 9, 2026

**PUBLIC MEETING
ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784**

Cheryl Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present Cheryl Clifton, Kirk Klein and Ken Cook. Also present were Leigh Pranger, Jenny Dunderman, Marshal 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 of the last meeting. Ken Cook seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business

Follow up on Ordinance Violations: Marshal Hoffman sent out several letters for abandoned vehicles and nuisances last month. He will recheck properties on February 11th to see if they are compliant. Cheryl asked if there were any issues to report on the 116 Front Street property. Marshal Hoffman reported there are currently no issues. The building appears to be cleaned up and there is a for rent sign in the commercial window of the building.

Jane Cline with Subway Sewage Bill Dispute: Cheryl asked how many people are on a shift. Subway has 1 full time employee and 13 part time employees listed on their affidavit for 2026. Last year they had 0 full-time employees and 11 part-time employees. With the rate increase and having more employees this year the sewer rate has increased about \$50.00 a month. Cheryl stated she would like to help but we need to stay within the Ordinance. Ken indicated he wants to show that we are pro-business and Cheryl agreed. Ken suggested that Jenny should send a letter to Jane and thank her for reaching out to us but unfortunately, we cannot adjust the rate for one person. Dustin stated that he could look into a different way of calculating rates for part -time employees for the next rate study

and redoing the Ordinance for next year. Cheryl asked for a motion to deny appeal. Kirk seconded motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Thank you letter to the Amish: Cheryl asked that a thank you letter be sent to the Amish letting them know what a great job they have been doing in cleaning up after the horses at Miller's and that they are appreciated. Leigh stated that she would find out who the Amish Decon is to send the letter to.

Financing for New Police Vehicle through Community State Bank – Heidi to sign for loan in May: Marshal Hoffman stated that we have 3 loan requests. Community State Bank's current interest rate for the vehicle loan is 4.88% fixed for 3 years with a monthly payment. The loan fee is \$375.00 plus any third-party fees. Republic First National's current rate is 5.69% and a \$299.00 documentation fee. Farmers State Bank offered a 5-year rate of 6.29% with a processing fee of \$350.00. Cheryl asked for a motion to approve Community State Bank's offer for loan agreement in May and to give Heidi authorization to sign loan agreement when it comes in. Kirk seconded motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

New Business:

Be Noble 2026 Contribution \$1,000: Cheryl stated that Be Noble does a great job. Cheryl asked for a motion to approve a \$1,000 contribution for 2026. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Reports were given by Leigh for the Town Manager report and Marshal Hoffman gave the Marshal's Department report. The Superintendent was absent for the Street/Wastewater report. The Council will review his report after the meeting.

Cheryl asked for a motion to approve the Town Funds. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Kim Angell brought up her concerns with limited parking for the small businesses on Front St. while work is being done on the State Road 9 bridge. Leigh stated that she has meetings every Thursday with IDOT to discuss the project. In the next meeting she will suggest that the workers park their vehicles in the Pepperoni's and Gallops parking lots. Sycamore Park can also be used for parking and staging large equipment. Leigh also stated that timing for the project is fluctuating because of the weather. The project may not start until March.

Heather Shaver with the Rome City Stray/Feral Cat Caregiver Group wanted to let everyone know that they are still working hard on the cat situation. The group has helped about 80 cats with the Community TNR Fund. There are still cats coming in. They have also rehomed 8 or 9 cats.

Next Town Council meeting March 9, at 6:30 p.m., Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City IN 46784.

Ken asked for a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:27 p.m. Kirk seconded motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Cheryl Clinton, President

ATTEST:


Jennifer Dunderman
Deputy Clerk