

MINUTES
ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 12, 2026
PUBLIC MEETING
ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784

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

Pledge was said.

Ken Cook asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business

Follow Up on Ordinance Violations: Paul stated that there are no new violations.

New Business

Concerned Business Owners and Adjacent Property Owners in the Front Street Business District: Mark Shaver asked the Council for an update on the businesses on Front Street. Marshal Hoffman stated that photos of 116 Front Street had been taken and the owner has been contacted about cleaning out the inside of the building and the building is secured. Marshal Hoffman also stated that three people have been trespassed for being on the property and two people were arrested for being in the property. The graffiti on the windows has been cleaned off. Mark Shaver stated that the remaining trash out side the property will be removed this week. The recent evictions have significantly lowered the foot traffic in the area. Mark also indicated that a disabled vehicle has been removed from 255 Front St. There is also a lawn tractor that could be removed. Mark also wanted to have it look into to have other junk vehicles removed from Front and Weston St. Karen Fox is concerned about the possible fire hazard of 116 Front St. Karen's business Inn Stitches is across the street and the potential smoke damage that could occur to her building if 116 Front St. caught on fire. Dustin will look into the Goshen Ordinance Annual Inspection of Residential Rental Properties.

Election of Officers: Ken made a motion to keep the Town Council members as is for 2026. Kirk seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Region 3A Board Members Appointment: Ken agreed to be appointed to the Region 3A Board of Directors. Ken made a motion to approve the appointment to Region 3A. Kirk seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Redevelopment Committee needs a new Council member to replace Nick Heffner. Kirk agreed to replace Nick and continue with the current members. Ken made a motion to approve the appointment of Kirk to the Redevelopment Committee and continue with current members. Kirk seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rome City School Carnival March 6, How much to contribute: Heidi asked the Council if they would like to continue to donate \$200.00 worth of soda bottles to the school for the carnival. This is the amount that has been previously spent. Ken made a motion to approve spending \$200.00 for the carnival. Kirk seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Humane Society of Noble County 2026 Billing \$3000.00: Heidi asked the Council to pay the invoice from Humane Society of Noble County 2026 Billing \$3000.00 to continue to transport, shelter, food, water and medical care for stay pets. Ken made a motion to approve payment of the invoice of \$3000.00. Kirk seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Resolutions 2025-04 thru 2025-08 Encumber Appropriations: Heidi presented the Council with Resolutions 2025-04 thru 2025-08 to encumber appropriations from the 2025 budget to the 2026 budget. Ken made a motion to approve Resolutions 2025-04 thru 2025-08 Encumber Appropriations. Kirk seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Resolutions 2025-09 thru 2025-12 Budget Appropriations: Heidi presented the Council with Resolutions 2025-09 thru 2025-12 to balance and transfer budget appropriations for the fiscal year 2025. Ken made a motion to approve Resolutions 2025-09 thru 2025-12 Budget Appropriations. Kirk seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Jane Cline with Subway Sewage Bill Dispute: Heidi informed the Council that Jane Cline with Subway called the office to dispute her sewage bill. She has 1 full time employee and 13 part time employees which is causing a significant increase in Subway's sewer bill. She is asking the Council to review her bill. This has been tabled to February 9, 2026 for further review.

Marshal Hoffman asked the Council if a decision has been made regarding a new police vehicle. The choice was between a Ford Hybrid and Chevy Blazer Electric. Heidi and Marshal Hoffman will continue to work out financing and look into leasing programs with a potential three year lease. Ken made a motion to approve with the purchase of the Chevy Blazer. Kirk seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Ken asked for a motion to approve payment of the town and sewer bills. Kirk seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

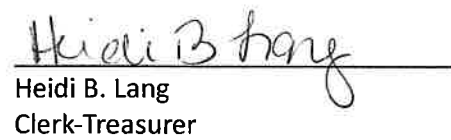
Next Town Council meeting February 9, at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Ken asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Kirk seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Cheryl Clifton, President

ATTEST:


Heidi B. Lang
Clerk-Treasurer