

ROME CITY PLAN COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2026

The Rome City Plan Commission held their regular meeting on January 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rome City Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Plan Commission Chair Kelly Morris at 6.30 p.m.

Members Present:

Leigh A. Pranger-Secretary	Barb Tatman
Kelly Morris	Stephen Cole

Members Absent:

Kirk Klein	Joe Bertels
Brent Leiter	

Rollcall determined a quorum was present.

Interested Parties in attendance: Attorney Dustin Glick, Jeff Dobis, John and Anita VanMeeter, James and Heather Ostermeyer, Kandi Schafer, Mark and Chris Wissel, Ryan Kuznier, Vernon Yoder, Rhonda and Scott Steinecker, Todd and Margaret Fry, Ray and Lara Mata, Andrew Schouten, Orla Bontrager, Todd McAfee, Kem Prince, Jim and Chris Coe, Kendall and David Billows, Kyle Parrish.

Member Tatman made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. Second by Member Cole. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. The minutes were posted on the bulletin board for everyone to read.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing for the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Election of Officers: Member Tatman made a motion to retain the same slate of officers for 2026, Kelly Morris-Chair, Barb Tatman-Vice-Chair, Secretary-Pranger. Second by Member Cole. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.
- b) Sketch Plan for Deer Run Pointe Subdivision: Mr. James Ostermeyer presented the board with the proposed layout of the Subdivision. He noted the proposed plat will have three road frontages, 900 N, Sowers Drive and Hilltop Drive. He is planning to put to residential primary building lots containing 2 acres each. Lot one will be along 900 N with a driveway cut onto 900 N and Lot 2 will be on the corner of 900 N and Sowers Drive with a driveway cut on Sowers Drive. Lots 3-6 will be used for accessory lots only. Lot 3's driveway cut will be on Sowers Drive. Lots 4-6 will have access off Hilltop Drive. Mr. Ostermeyer noted the Accessory lots will be used for building pole barns. He noted he will be selling the lots to owners on Hilltop Drive, and the lots will be combined with the front lot on the lake to retain ownership to that property. Chair Morris asked if the Accessory lots will have water. Mr. Ostermeyer stated yes if the owners want to install wells on the lots. Mr. Ostermeyer noted he will be adding restrictions to the plat such as pole barn building exteriors to match the residential house, exterior lights will be motion sensor only to prevent light pollution, Outside storage limited to one

trailer, no rental of building, no business use, no animals, no living space. Connection to sewer will be the responsibility of the new owners. He further noted the preservation of the trees on the wooded lots. Allowed to clear the area where the building will be located and a total lot clearing of 15% of the lot.

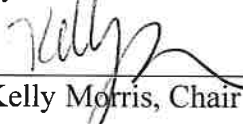
Chair Morris asked about the lot connecting to sewer. Mr. Ostermeyer stated that connecting to sewer will be at the expense of the purchaser. Member Pranger stated the access point to connect to sewer and whether the lots will need grinder station (type of grinder station) for sewer needs to be determined and shown on the plat. She noted Lots 1 & 2 most likely require a sewer line extension for access to the sewer and that cost will need to be borne by the developer along with the plans drawn up by an engineer showing location, materials, permit from IDEM for the sewer line extension. Lots 3-6 the developer will need to decide if he will be allowing sewer access and if so where and how that sewer will be accessed. Member Pranger stated there will need to be stormwater erosion control plan for the entire plat and the low area show on Lot 3 needs to be preserved and shown on the plat. Chair Morris stated she was very happy to see the trees being preserved on the lots.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Nothing of the Agenda

Next Meeting: February 19, 2026

Member Tatman made a motion to adjourn the Plan Commission meeting at 6:54 p.m. Second by Member Cole. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.



Kelly Morris, Chair

Attest: 

Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary