

AGENDA

July 14, 2025 6:30 PM

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784

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CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE
MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Follow up on Ordinance Violations
2. Chair Lift

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Heather Shaver Rome City Stray/Feral Cat Caregiver group
2. Win Fisher Pond Repair and Waste Water Treatment Plant
3. CommonWealth
4. Shelly Williams Convention to Primary Elections
5. Address Approval – Grain Bins on SR 9 Nathan and Rachael Schermerhorn 11025 N SR 9, Rome City, IN 46784
6. Ordinance 2025-02 Amending Title IX, Chapter 93.01G
7. Wagner Meinert LLC Biannual HVAC Planned Maintenance Proposal
8. Sewer Rate Study

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. TOWN MANAGER
2. STREET/WASTEWATER
3. TOWN MARSHAL
4. CLERK-TREASURER – June Mileage 145 \$71.05

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CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

1. TOWN FUNDS: \$224,593.59
2. SEWER OPERATING: \$132,029.33

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Cheryl Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:3 pm. Members present Cheryl Clifton and Ken Cook. Also, present were Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman, Scott Neukom and attorney Dustin Glick. 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. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business

Follow Up on Ordinance Violations: Paul informed the Council that the prior nuisance complaints have been in compliance with the voting for the new ordinance 2025-02 occurring during this meeting. The yard at 115 Martin St has been mowed. There is still an issue with the brush on the property.

Chairlift: Heidi informed the Council that Freedom Medial cannot be used to install the chairlift as they do not have a licensed installer at this time. National Seating does have a licensed installer. There will also be a \$150.00 annual fee for maintenance inspections once the chairlift is installed. Heidi and Leigh have a meeting with the Community Foundation of Noble County on Thursday July 17 to further discuss the grant. This item has been tabled until the status of the grant is known.

New Business

Heather Shaver Rome City Stray/Feral Cat Caregiver Group: Heather presented to the Council a concern regarding colony caps being baited, trapped and euthanized by neighbors. The cats that are missing had their ears tipped which is a sign of them being spayed/neutered and part of a colony. Paul had given this neighbor permission to who had their own traps to trap the cats, a copy of the ordinance and was instructed to contact Paul if any cats had been trapped for removal. Donna Brinkman also stated that with this program no new kittens have been produced.

Win Fisher Pond Repair and Waste Water Treatment Plant: Win Fisher, CEO of Enzyme Solutions and Bob Moley, Chief Operating Officer they presented and discussed the use of their own manufactured biotechnology. Their enzyme technology is currently being used to treat the retention pond across from the boat ramp. There has been a significant improvement in the month that it was treated, going from a thick algae across the pond to being clear. Wen is also working with the Lake Association to treat Sylvan

Lake. Wen would like to use this technology on the Waste Water Treatment Plant to help clear the muck in the retention ponds and to bring down the phosphorus and ammonia levels to be able to discharge in the winter. Wen will do testing on the ponds and will have the results either July 25 or the 28th along with the costs. Jim Wacker asked what happens to the sludge. Wen explained that the enzymes biologically eats the sludge. Natalie Schelling asked for other locations that have been treated. Natalie also asked if they were working with IDEM. Wen stated he is working closely with the DNR and has started working with IDEM.

CommonWealth: Natalie Schelling presented the Council with the Change Order #2 for signature for the bike trail once approved she will receive the final contractors pay request. Approval was received to spend the final contingency funds for amenities for the trail like bike racks, benches, dog waste stations. Ken Cook asked for a motion to approve the Change Order #2. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Shelly Williams Convention to Primary Elections: Shelly Williams presented the Council with information to move Rome City from Convention elections to Primary elections. If the Council agrees to move to an even number year, the cost to move to Primary elections would be at no cost. The Council suggested to have attorney Dustin Glick to review this process and review what we need to do legally to make this transition. Ken Cook made a motion to have Dustin Glick review this process to move forward. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Address Approval – Grain Bins on SR 9 Nathan and Rachel Schermerhorn 11025 N SR 9, Rome City, IN 46784: Leagh presented the council with the address request for the grain bins on SR 9. This is for an E911 address in case of an emergency. The Plan Commission previously approved the address. Ken Cook made a motion to approve the address. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2025-02 Amending Title IX, Chapter 93.01G: Leagh read Ordinance 2025-02. Ordinance 2025-02 prohibits maintenance and repair of motor vehicles on town streets and alleys. Ken Cook made a motion approve Ordinance 2025-02. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Wagner Meinert LLC Biannual HVAC Planned Maintenance Approval: Heidi presented to the Council the Biannual HVAC Planned Maintenance contract. It is the same company we have been using. There is a cost savings of \$13 for this year. Ken Cook made a motion approve the contract with Wagner Meinert LLC. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Sewer Rate Study: Heidi presented to the Council of setting up a meeting with Indiana Rural Community Assistance Program to have them complete a rate study for sewer rates at no cost. Natalie Schelling will provide the cost for the main lift station and screens at the treatment plant. Ken Cook made a motion to have Heidi move forward in meeting with Indiana Rural Community Assistance to set up the rate study. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Dustin suggested that Leigh start fining Brett Swaney for his violations against his variance. Fine amounts are unknown at this time.

Scott asked for approval to repair lift station 4D. Ken Cook made a motion to approve Scott repairing lift station 4D. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

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Ken Cook asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Cheryl Clifton
Cheryl Clifton, President

ATTEST:

Heidi B. Lang
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Clerk-Treasurer