

# MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2022

## ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. All members present. Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein and Cheryl Clifton. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Paul Hoffman, Charity ~~Martin~~ <sup>Murphy BCC</sup>, Jeremy with Commonwealth and Steve (KPC) on zoom.

Pledge was said.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Ordinance 2022-05 stop signs on Martin and Jackson

Nick Heffner read the ordinance on the stop signs needed at Martin and Jackson. All members agreed. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the ordinance 2022-05. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### IT, Gary Cox, contract

Brenda Conley explained that Gary Cox will stay with the town for IT and the contract is the same as last year of \$3000.00. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to accept the contract for IT with Gary Cox. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept Gary Cox contract. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.

#### Bids for dredging the sewer ponds

Jeremy, Commonwealth Engineer, stated it was posted in the KPC newspaper that sealed bids will be accepted at the town hall by June 30, 2022 at 11:00am. At that time, he will examine the bids and report to the town council at the July meeting.

#### Ligtel Agreement for internet

Brenda Conley stated that Mediacom needs to be notified before we sign any contract with Ligtel to make sure we are not under any type of long-term contract with Mediacom. Charity Martin will investigate and get back with the council.

#### 2023 Budget Hearing and Adoption

Brenda Conley would like to set the dates for the 2023 budget hearing for 5:30pm on September 12, 2022 and for 6:30pm on October 10, 2022 for the adoption of the budget. All members agree that these dates will work. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept the dates and time for the budget hearing and the budget adoption. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **New Cell Phones**

Brenda Conley stated the last time we got new phones was in 2017. Paul Hoffman stated his phone is not working correctly. The battery does not stay charged. Brenda stated we all need new phones. There is 2 police phones and 5 sewer phones. The police phones are paid out of the police budget and the sewer phones are paid out of the sewer department. Nick Heffner asked if we knew what the cost would be. Brenda stated not at this time. Nick Heffner would like us to text them when we find out a cost. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve the new phones contingent on the cost. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Trail Grant**

Jeremy explained about the trail grant and would like the town council approval to accept the grant when it is finalized. Leigh Pranger stated Bill Eberhard is looking over the grant and has not given his opinion on it as of today. Charity Martin stated if the town council wants to approve this grant upon Bill Eberhard's approve, they can make the motion. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept the trail grant contingent to Bill Eberhard approval. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Alley Closed**

Cheryl Clifton asked if the alley could be closed on July 2, 2022 for the fireworks. Paul stated if the town approves it, he will block off that alley by Clifton's and the Library on July 2, 2022 during the fireworks. Paul stated he can not shut down any of Front Street due to that is the detour road for State Road 9. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made the motion to close the alley and what ever else Paul Hoffman feels needs to be shut down for the fireworks on July 2, 2022. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. Cheryl Clifton sustained. Motion carried.

### **Departmental reports:**

Town Manager (see attached)

Street/Wastewater (see attached)

Town Marshal (see attached)

### **Claims Presented for Payment**

Town Funds: \$88,809.53


Sewer Operating: \$48,323.52

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to pay the claims. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to pay the claims. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

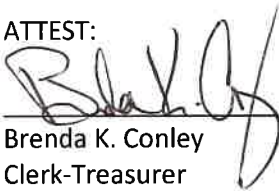
The next town council meeting is July 11, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:37pm. Kirk Klein made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

  
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Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer