

**MINUTES**  
**ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MAY 12, 2025**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**ROME CITY TOWN HALL**  
**402 KELLY STREET**  
**ROME CITY, IN 46784**

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Members present Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein, Cheryl Clifton. Also present Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Scott Neukom, Paul Hoffman and attorney Bill Eberhard. See also sign in sheet.

Pledge was said.

Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**Commonwealth Rural Water Financing Loan:** Natalie with Commonwealth suggested waiting until either the next round of funding August 1, November 1 or February 1, 2026 to proceed with this loan until there is a better understanding of what the actual costs are going to be. This was tabled to the next meeting June 9.

**Follow Up on Ordinance Violations:** Paul issued a \$25 fine for the mattress that is on the porch on the corner of Weston St and Front St. The homeowners have until May 30 to remove the mattress. Paul will inform the owner of the couch that it needs to be moved back inside until the Town Wide Clean Up on August 16 or contact the trash removal to have it picked up. Paul and Bill will review ordinances regarding working on vehicles on town streets and create and or correct one if there is not one that is adequate to cover this issue.

**Chairlift:** Heidi presented the quote received from Freedom Medical regarding the chairlifts to the basement. Heidi suggested only installing one chairlift at the stairwell next to Door #2 as it will be cheaper to install a rubber mat for wheelchair access at that door. Installing the chairlift at Door #3 would be more expensive due to the cost of building a ramp to access that door. Heidi will be looking for grants to help cover the cost of the installation. James Medical will be providing a quote on May 15.

**New Business**

**Commonwealth 2025 On Call Contract:** Natalie with Commonwealth and Leigh presented the 2025 On Call Contract with Commonwealth. The cost remains the same with a \$10,000 limit. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the On Call Contract with Commonwealth. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Appoint Larry Seiler to the Redevelopment Committee:** Leigh informed the Council that she had asked Larry Seiler to be on the Redevelopment Committee as he owns property in the Industrial Park and would like someone from the Industrial Park to be on the committee. Larry agreed to be on the committee. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Larry Seiler to the Redevelopment Committee. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Appoint Dustin Hicks to Park Board to finish out Doug Maley's term for the rest of this year:** Leigh informed the Council that she asked Dustin Hicks to finish out Doug Maley's term for this year. Dustin has been working on getting baseball league back up and running and working with the Park Board. Dustin agreed to be on the Park Board. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Dustin Hicks to the Park Board. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Health Insurance:** Heidi presented the health insurance options that Dan Helton suggested for the 2025 coverage year. It was Heidi's recommendation to stay with the current carrier PHP as Anthem and United Health Care did not seem to be of any benefit and added costs to move to them. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the stay of insurance with PHP. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Momentum Properties and Precision Medical Tax Abatements:** Heidi presented the tax abatement paperwork submitted by Momentum Properties and Precision Medical and both companies are in compliance. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the tax abatements to Momentum Properties and Precision Medical. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Camera Quotes for Recycling Area:** Heidi presented the quotes received from Insight for a 5- and 10-year subscription. It was agreed the cost of these current cameras is too expensive and they need to be returned. Paul suggested getting a wi-fi booster to boost the signal from the street garage down to the recycling area and purchase some wi-fi Blink cameras. The Blink cameras do not require a subscription and are considerably cheaper. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to approve, taking down the current cameras and returning them to Verkada. Then look into the Blink cameras. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Boyce Contract:** Heidi presented the Boyce Annual Contract. The contract went up \$455 for 2025. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the 2025 contract with Boyce. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve payment of the town and sewer bills. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

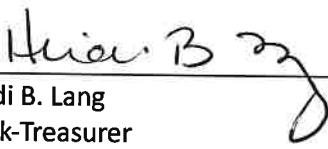
Next Town Council meeting June 9, 2025, at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Kirk Klein asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN HALL

  
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Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:

  
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Heidi B. Lang  
Clerk-Treasurer