

MINUTES
ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 10, 2025
PUBLIC MEETING
ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm. Members present Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein, Cheryl Clifton. Also present Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman, Scott Neukom and attorney Dustin Glick. 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

New Business

Rome City Sewer to St. Gaspers Church: Leigh explained that we had received a letter from St. Gaspar's Church asking if the sewer line could be extended to their property as they are going to be doing some renovations and enlarging narthex. This will also include new restrooms. Natalie with Commonwealth stated that it will be approximately 3,000 feet, the sewer line will need to be extended. Leigh asked the Council to allow Commonwealth to investigate this more and see what the anticipated cost may be. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to allow Commonwealth to move forward to see what the anticipated cost may be. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

J/S Lawn Care Contract 2025: Heidi presented the J/S Lawn Care Contract for 2025 mowing services at the Town Hall. Pricing is the same as 2024 at \$55.00 per mow. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve using J/S Lawn Care for 2025 mowing. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Address Approval: Leigh presented new addresses for 8549 N 175 E, Rome City, IN 46784 House on the south end of the lot and 8687 N 150 E, Rome City, IN 46784 for the house on the north end of the lot for Jowl Wilkinson. Also addresses, 1170 Pleasant Point, Rome City, IN 46784 Lot A in Reece's Pleasant Point Woods Addition and 1174 Pleasant Point, Rome City, IN 46784 Lot B in Reece's Pleasant Point Woods Addition. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the addresses. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Indiana Severe Weather Preparedness – Tornado sirens will be tested Wednesday, March 11, 2025, at 10:15. Leigh informed the Council that the tornado sirens will be tested Wednesday, March 11, 2025 at 10:15.

Raynor Security Window \$3,609.00: Leigh presented the Council with the quote from Raynor Security for a security window in the vestibule for the front office, total cost with installation at \$3,690.00. Kirk Klein asked for a approve the quote for the security window. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Sylvan Farms CF-1: Heidi presented the Council with the CF-1 for Sylvan Farms for 2025. Kirk Klein asked for a motion to approve the CF-1 for Sylvan Farms. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Natalie with Commonwealth informed the Council that we are currently waiting for the As Built drawings from Pulver Asphalt on the Bike Trail. The quarterly report is due at the end of March. There are \$28,427 contingency funds still available to be used on the trail. Leigh will make a list of items that we could add to the trail.

Readi 2.0: Natalie from Commonwealth asked for an update on our application for the Readi 2.0 grant. Pranger stated, she met with Melanie Kellogg, Noble County Economic Development Director, regarding the application and that we had not heard anything back. Melanie reached out and a Microsoft teams meeting was set up to discuss where we were in the process. Ryan with Readi 2.0 informed us we need a match of 80% and Readi 2.0 will be granting 20%. Considering the new matching grant amount, Pranger suggested she meet with Commonwealth to tighten up the project amounts so we can better determine the total amount we will need to provide. Natalie agreed to contact Pranger to set up a meeting for later this week. Natalie with Commonwealth also suggested an SRF loan.

Reports were given by Leigh for the Town Manager, Scott Neukom for the Utilities Department; Marshal Hoffman gave the Marshal's Department report.

Eshleman's Construction has completed the Drainage line repairs on Lions Drive and at the Post Office (Kerr Avenue). The additional drains on Lions Drive from SR9 to Park Drive were repaired with hydraulic cement and did not need to cut the concrete to make the repair.

Cheryl asked Paul if he knew where the majority of the traffic stops were occurring. Paul stated that he can see when the body cams are turned on for the traffic stop but cannot see where the traffic stop is initiated. Most traffic stops occur on the north side of Rome City.

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 April 14, 2025, at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

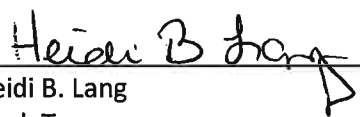
Kirk Klein asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:



Heidi B. Lang
Clerk-Treasurer