

**MINUTES**  
**ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2023**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**ROME CITY TOWN HALL**  
**402 KELLY STREET**  
**ROME CITY, IN 46784**

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein and Cheryl Clifton. Also present Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman, Dustin Fike and via zoom attorney Bill Eberhard. Not present Scott Neukom. 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**

**Animal Ordinance Final Reading:** Leigh Pranger presented the final version of the Animal Ordinance #2023-06. The Town Council and Bill Eberhard answered questions from the meeting attendees. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the budget. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Construction Contract for Sewer Pond #2:** Leigh Pranger presented the construction contract for signature of acceptance with Mersino Trenching, LLC. This was approved and signed by Nick Heffner without a copy of the Letter of Credit. Clifton asked for a motion to approve the budget. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**Brett Swaney Sewer Charges:** Brett brought to the attention of the Town Council that he is receiving dual water bills. One of the bills the water is not used on. He is asking if it is possible to come to an agreement for a reduced bill instead of paying the full amount of both bills. Bill Eberhard stated that we can look into setting up an arrangement as it is not possible for him to combine his lots. Cheryl Clifton motioned to table to the next meeting. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Deb McDonald Side by Sides:** Deb asked the Council and Paul Hoffman about why we cannot have side by sides on the Town roads as it is allowed by neighboring communities. There was additional feedback from other attendees at the meeting. Bill Eberhard suggested to have Paul Hoffman look into this further. Bill suggested tabling this until Paul has further information. Cheryl asked for a motion to table until further information is available. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Boyce Software Auto Renewal Addendum:** Heidi presented the new Boyce Software Auto Renewal Addendum that was sent by Boyce as a change in their system on renewals. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the Boyce Software Auto Renewal Addendum. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Tom Clifton to replace Judy Fox on BZA:** Leigh asked the Town Council for approval to have Tom Clifton appointed to the BZA committee. Cheryl Clifton had to recuse herself as it is her son. Kirk asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Tom Clifton to BZA. Nick Heffner seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Newly Elected Officials Training:** Heidi presented the upcoming Newly Elected Officials training to see if any of the Council members would like to attend. Heidi stated she will be going to the training in Fort Wayne on December 12 and also in January.

**Ordinance #2023-06 Short Term Rental Regulations:** Leigh presented Ordinance #2023-06 Short Term Rental Regulations. Leigh and Bill answered questions from the attendees. Cheryl asked for a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-06 Short Term Rental Regulations. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Cheryl also asked to waive the second reading. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Chris Boyles selling Chop saw that Scott would like for the new street garage:** Leigh presented the Council with the Chop saw that Chris would like to sell to the Town. It would be more cost effective than what we are currently using. Cheryl asked for a motion to approve purchase of the Chop saw. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Year End Meeting Date:** It was agreed that the year end Town Council meeting will be on December 20, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Paul Hoffman is continuing to look into future hires for the Marshal's department.

#### **Departmental Reports**

Town Manager, monthly (see attached)  
Street/Wastewater, monthly (see attached)  
Town Marshall, monthly (see attached)

#### **CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:**

**TOWN FUNDS: \$135,236.20**

**SEWER OPERATING: \$128,591.52**

Kirk Klein asked for a motion to approve the claims. Cheryl seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next Town Council meeting November 13, 2023 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm. Kirk Klein asked for a motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:



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Heidi B. Lang  
Clerk-Treasurer