

MINUTES
ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 13, 2025
PUBLIC MEETING
ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784

Cheryl Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present Cheryl Clifton, Kirk Klein and Ken Cook. Also, present were Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Daniel Rinehart and attorney Dustin Glick. See also sign in sheet.

Pledge was said.

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

Old Business

Follow Up on Ordinance Violations: Daniel Rinehart reported on behalf of Paul Hoffman. 402 Weston St. \$50.00 fine for abandoned vehicle, 555 Jefferson St. \$100.00 fine unvaccinated dog, 355 Bernice Ave. \$100.00 fine unvaccinated dog, 102 Weston St. \$50.00 fine nuisance dryer in front yard, 155 Martin St. \$50.00 fine nuisance hot tub in yard, 399 Jefferson St. was resolved after letter for weed abatement and nuisance, 160 North St. abandoned vehicle for 72 hours was talked to and resolved.

Sewer Rate Study: Heidi informed the Council that her and Leigh will be meeting with the Indiana Rural Community Assistance Program on October 30, 2025 to discuss the rate study. Cheryl suggested to increase the current sewer rate an additional \$10.00 until the new sewer rate study can be completed and applied. Kirk made a motion to approve the \$10.00 increase to the sewer rate. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2026 Budget Adoption: Heidi presented the Council with the 2026 Budget Ordinance 2025-04. Kirk made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion on Staggered Election Terms: Leigh and Dustin discussed moving to staggered election terms. Further discussions with the State Board of Elections and Shelly Williams need to be had regarding staggering the terms. Leigh is going to reach out to Albion and Avilla regarding how they have their terms staggered.

New Business

New Picture of Council Members for Website: Heidi asked the Council to stay after the meeting to take a new picture for the website.

Can South Bend Drive be a one way road during the Lakeside Holiday House Walk on November 15th:

Roberta Stone asked the Council if South Bend Drive could be directed to a one way road during the Lakeside Holiday House Walk on November 15th from 10am-4pm. Roberta is asking for this request as there are 2 houses on South Bend Drive that will be opening their homes for the house walk. The road is very narrow and could be hazardous if multiple vehicles met going different directions and also pedestrians walking between the houses. Ken made a motion to approve making South Bend Drive a one way road from 10am-4pm on November 15th 2025. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

New Interlocal Agreement for Spillman Maintenance: Daniel presented to the Council the new Interlocal Agreement for Spillman Maintenance. The last seven years of the contract the cost of the contract was covered. Starting October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 the new cost of the contract is \$1,137.87 for annual maintenance charges. This contract connects the Town and the County on emergency services. Ken made a motion to approve the new contract with Spillman Maintenance. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

102 Martin Street August Payment Write Off: Heidi informed the Council that David Miller had called in and asked that the August payment of \$68.86 be written off. The house at 102 Martin Street, Rome City, IN 46784 was put up for auction in August 2025, but David did not have possession of the house in September. Heidi reached out to attorney Bill Eberhard for his opinion and he agreed that David should not be responsible for the August payment. Ken made a motion to approve writing off the August payment of \$68.86 for 102 Martin Street, Rome City, IN 46784. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Leaf Pick Up Schedule: Leigh read the Town Wide Leaf Pick Up Schedule: Town Proper 1st Pick Up October 29-30, 2nd Pick Up November 17-18. Southside of Sylvan Lake 1st Pick Up November 3-5, 2nd Pick Up November 19-21, Northside of Sylvan Lake 1st Pick Up November 7-13, 2nd Pick Up November 24-26.

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

Heidi also informed the Council that the chairlift to the basement will be installed on October 30, 2025.

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

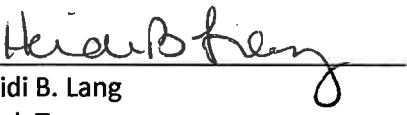
Next Town Council meeting November 10, 2025, at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Cheryl asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Cheryl Clifton, President

ATTEST:


Heidi B. Lang
Clerk-Treasurer