

MINUTES
ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 and Kirk Klein. Also, present were Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman 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. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business

Follow Up on Ordinance Violations: Paul informed the Council that there are possibly two tickets outstanding for rabies vaccinations. Paul needs to follow up with the veterinarian on one of the animals shot status that was received. One yard and one car complaint. The weeds at 399 Jackson/Jefferson Paul has been continually following up on this yard with three phone calls. A letter is also going to be sent. After five days of the mailing the Town can send someone in to mow the yard.

Sewer Rate Study: Heidi informed the Council that Indiana Rural Community Assistance Program is continuing to work on the rate study. There has no date been set yet as to when the study will be completed. Kirk also asked how much time was needed to get the sewer coupon books to and from the printer. Heidi to follow up with that timing.

Lift Station 4-D Rehab: Leigh informed the Council that after Heidi's review, there are funds to cover this project. The purchase order has been submitted Indiana Pump Works for this work to be started.

Chairlift: Heidi informed the Council that the grant was denied from the Community Foundation of Noble County and they are not eligible under the AWS Fund guidelines. Heidi and Leigh discussed using the funds in Town/Park Projects to fund the chairlift. Kirk Klein made a motion to approve using the Town/Park Project funds to fund the chairlift. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Environmental Solutions for the Lagoons: Leigh presented to the Council what she has found with working with Win regarding the lagoons for this year. The enzymes will compact the sludge but not remove it. Removal would still be needed in future years. In Waste Water Pond 1 there is between 18 –

36" of sludge. Leigh is suggesting waiting until next spring to do any work on the lagoons to have time for further research.

New Business

Trick or Treat Hours/Day: Trick or Treating will be on Halloween, October 31 from 5pm-7pm

WEX Fuel Card for Out of Town Trips for Marshal's Office: Paul asked the Council for approval to get a fuel card for the Marshal's department for out of town travel. Kirk made a motion to approve the fuel card. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

No Solicitation for Rome City: Paul asked the Council if we could make the Town a No Solicitation town. There has only been one permit requested in the last several years. There was one solicitor in September and the Marshal's office was contacted with several complaints. Dustin will create an ordinance for No Solicitation. Also put No Solicitation on the electronic board at the Town Hall. Kirk made a motion to approve no solicitation. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Halloween Candy for the Trunk or Treat at the Rome City Elementary October 17, 5:30-7:30: Dustin and Rich will be helping at the Trunk or Treat. Heidi asked to approve \$200.00 to spend on candy for the school. Kirk made a motion to approve \$200.00 for candy. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2026 Budget: Heidi presented the Council with the 2026 budget estimate for approval and Appropriation Reduction Resolution 2025-02. Kirk made a motion to approve the 2026 budget estimate. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Holiday Party Suggestions: Heidi asked the Council where they would like to have the holiday party. It was agreed to have the holiday party at Dock's Landing in Rome City.

Resolution #2025-03: Leigh presented resolution #2025-03 Economic Development to dissolve the Rome City Industrial Development Corporation and move any monies into the Redevelopment Commission. Kirk made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-03. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Kirk asked for a motion to approve payment of the town and sewer bills. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 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

Kirk asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Cheryl Clifton, President

ATTEST:


Heidi B. Lang
Clerk-Treasurer