

AGENDA

MAY 11, 2026 6:00 PM

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

**ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784**

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER: Ben Castle SB1 Impact

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Follow up on Ordinance Violations
2. Health Insurance for 2026 AIM Medical Trust
3. Trench Box purchase

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Natalie Schelling Commonwealth Main Lift & Wastewater Screen
2. Lindsay Hammond OKRA Grant
3. Peerless Midwest Watershed Repair Well #2
4. INDOT Letter of Understanding/Unofficial Detour
5. Momentum Real Estate Tax Abatement Approval
6. Precision Medical Personal Property Tax Abatement Approval
7. Boyce Annual Renewal
8. Alley Vacate
9. Address Dollar General
10. Abandoned Vehicles Chapter 90 Revision

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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1. TOWN MANAGER
2. STREET/WASTEWATER
3. TOWN MARSHAL
4. CLERK-TREASURER – April Mileage ~~76 \$37.24~~ 96 \$47.04

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

1. TOWN FUNDS: \$ 130,621.09
2. SEWER OPERATING: \$ 49,866.21

Next Town Council meeting June 8, 2026 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

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Cheryl Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present Cheryl Clifton, Kirk Klein and Ken Cook. Also present were Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman, Scott Neukom 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.

Guest Speaker Ben Castle: Ben discussed with the Council the new Senate Bill SEA 1 and the effects it will have on communities, including the new LIT disbursements, capping tax abatements at (5) years, the effects on police, fire and schools.

Old Business

Follow Up on Ordinance Violations: Paul informed the Council of the current violations that have been resolved abandoned vehicles at 252 Weston and 355 Bernice have been removed. Letters that have been sent regarding abandoned vehicles: 285 Spring Beach, 402 Grant St., 102 Weston St., 175 Jefferson St., 472 and 530 Spring Beach. Nuisance violations: Jackson St. and 452 Jackson St., 295 Weston St., 155 Martin St., 114 Park Dr and 355 Bernice Ave. Weed Abatement violations: 351 and 452 Jackson St., 555 Jefferson St., 249 Front St., 155 and 198 Martin St., 114 Park Dr., 414 and 910 Lions Dr., 285, 456 Spring Beach, 1315, 1440, 1450 North Shore, 740 and 750 Lakeside and 355 Bernice Ave.

Health Insurance 2026: Heidi informed the Council that herself, Leigh and Paul met with AIM Medical Trust regarding changing our health insurance to their coverage. There will currently be either a reduction in cost or close to what is currently being charged with PHP and Best Life. With moving to AIM Medical Trust, the Town would be able to offer (2) insurance plans a PPO plan and a High Deductible Plan with an HSA account with it. The initial contract will be for (3) years. Ken made a motion to approve changing insurance to AIM Medical Trust. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Trench Box Purchase: Leigh informed the Council that after further review of the trench box, it would cost \$4,500.00 to rent a trench box from Indianapolis for a week. Also, looking into used trench boxes, the boxes she found were too large to use for our purposes. The option to purchase from MacAllister is the most economic option. The cost would be split between the sewer/street departments with a total

of \$7,052.50. Kirk made a motion to approve the purchase of the trench box. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

New Business

CommonWealth: Natalie Schelling created a proposal and task order and proposed it to the Council for approval to move forward with the main lift station and the wastewater treatment plant influent screen repairs. Kirk made a motion to approve the proposal and task order to move forward with the main lift station and the wastewater treatment plant influent screen repairs. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Lindsay Hammond OCRA Grant: Lindsay introduced herself on behalf of OCRA Community & Rural Affairs. OCRA receives federal funds to aid communities and to award grants to fund public gathering places, fix water/sewer infrastructures, restore historic structures, build community facilities and revitalize commercial districts.

Peerless Midwest Watershed Repair Well #1: Leigh presented to the Council the Watershed Well #1 needs repaired. Well #2 was overhauled in 2024. The cost of this project is \$18,500.00 and will come out of Watershed funds. Ken made a motion to approve the repairs of Well #1 at the Watershed. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

INDOT Letter of Understanding/Unofficial Detour: Leigh presented to the Council a letter from INDOT regarding the closure of State Road 9 and the detours for signatures and approval. Ken made a motion to approve the letter regarding road closures and detours. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Momentum Real Estate Tax Abatement Approval: Heidi presented to the Council Momentum's Real Estate Tax Abatement for the 2026-2027 year. Ken made a motion to approve Momentum's Real Estate Tax Abatement. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Precision Medical Personal Property Tax Abatement Approval: Heidi presented to the Council Precision Medical Personal Property Tax Abatement for the 2026-2027 year. Ken made a motion to approve Precision Medical Personal Property Tax Abatement. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Boyce Annual Renewal: Heidi presented to the Council the 2026 renewal with Boyce Systems to continue to run the software programming. Ken made a motion to approve the 2026 renewal with Boyce Systems. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Alley Vacate: Leigh presented to the Council an alley vacate for Brian Alberding Ordinance 2026-01. She stated this vacation comes to the with a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. Brian is requesting a vacation of public right of way for the alley transecting his property to build a garage. Kirk made a motion to approve alley vacation on Ordinance 2026-01. Ken seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Address for Dollar General: Leigh presented the new address for the new Dollar General property of 650 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784. Ken made a motion to approve the address for Dollar General. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Abandoned Vehicles Chapter 90 Revision: Paul presented to the Council that there is a need to update the Abandoned Vehicles Chapter 90 to include but not limited to boats, pontoons, trailers and golf carts must have valid registration. Ken made a motion to approve updating Abandoned Vehicles Chapter 90. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

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

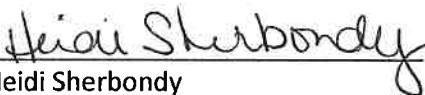
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Ken asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Kirk seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Cheryl Clifton, President

ATTEST:


Heidi Sherbondy
Clerk-Treasurer