

AGENDA

August 11, 2025 6:30 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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Follow up on Ordinance Violations
2. Sewer Rate Study

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Melanie Kellog EDC Updates
2. Rome City Elementary Off Site Drill at the Town Hall Thursday, August 28 at 1 pm
3. Lift Station 4-D Rehab

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

1. TOWN MANAGER
2. STREET/WASTEWATER
3. TOWN MARSHAL
4. CLERK-TREASURER – July Mileage

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

1. TOWN FUNDS: \$406,266.49
2. SEWER OPERATING: \$51,747.19

Next Town Council meeting September 8, 2025 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Pursuit to IC 5-14-9 section 6; following is a roster of the current Rome City Town Council Members' names, appointing authority and their appointment terms:

COUNCIL MEMBER	APPOINTING AUTHORITY	DATES OF TERM
Ken Cook	Caucused	06/15/25 thru 12/31/27
Kirk Klein	Elected	01/01/24 thru 12/31/27
Cheryl Clifton	Elected	01/01/24 thru 12/31/27

****THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE MEETING DESIGNATED
ABOVE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE UP TO AND INCLUDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE DESIGNATED MEETING****

MINUTES
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Cheryl Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. members present Cheryl Clifton, Kirk Klein and Ken Cook. Also present were Leigh Pranger, Jennifer Dunderman, 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. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business

Follow up on Ordinance Violations: Paul gave an update on Ordinance Violations for July. There was 1 abandoned vehicle, 7 for animal complaints, 2 nuisances, 2 weed abatement and 2 parking.

Sewer Rate Study: Leigh and Heidi met with Indiana Rural Community Assistance. They are in the process of getting numbers together for a quote. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to have the books audited before we do our final budget, especially because of the new government cutbacks so we know exactly what we have to work with next year. Leigh will reach out to Bill Ackey for a quote to have the books audited. Kirk Klein asked for a motion to have the books audited. Ken Cook seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

New Business

Melanie Kellogg EDC Updates: Melanie, the executive director for Be Noble, presented what was accomplished last year and goals for this year. Noble County saw more than \$107 million invested through local businesses, real estate abatements and new

companies coming in. There was a lot of interest in Rome City housing development. It has been a slow process. She is working with the retail partnership on READI funding to help get the project moving along. \$100,000 was invested in Noble Early Learning. A \$50,000 grant was approved for in home childcare services. Ligtel has been able to run around 202 miles of fiber. Several STEM programs have been sponsored throughout the county. There is also a workplace preparedness grant. So far there has been \$74 million invested for the year.

Rome City Elementary Off-Site School Drill: The Rome City Elementary School will have an off-site Drill at the Town Hall on Thursday, August 28th at 1:00 p.m. Paul will be helping with the traffic.

Lift Station 4-D Rehab: Scott recommended doing a coating on the inside of the manhole. First quote from Liberty Pumps for new pumps was for a 3 phase, they could do a 1 phase. There have been issues with the VFD's, Scott is trying to phase them out, since the town is at the end of both NIPSCO's and Noble REMC's power grid, we receive too much fluctuation in the power, and this burns out the VFD's. Leigh said the inside of the concrete manhole is pitted and sloughing off and needs to be repaired. There is not enough space to install a new manhole as it is located right next to the road. That will run about \$36,000 and then the actual station portion will be \$82,000. We can add odor control later if we need to, there would not be much of an increase in the price. We seem to get more complaints when the weather is more humid. The sewer balance was not available. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve pending funding. Ken Cook seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

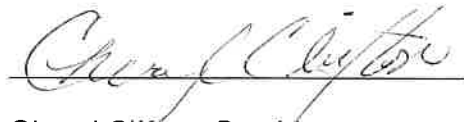
Sara Berry expressed concern for trash cans being left outside by the road (along North Shore Drive) for an extended periods of time. This has been creating issues, especially if there are storms or strong winds that blow them into the road and people must stop their vehicle and get out to move them.

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

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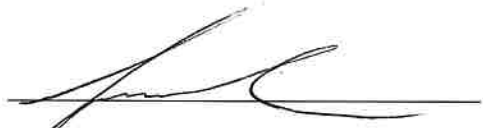
Kirk Klein asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Cheryl Clifton seconded motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Cheryl Clifton, President

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Dunderman", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Dunderman
Deputy Clerk