

# MINUTES

## ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING (ZOOM)

DECEMBER 13, 2021

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

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All members, Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein and Cheryl Clifton present. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Paul Hoffman, Bill Eberhard, Terry Williams, Jared Ramer and representative for Quality Lawn Care.

Pledge was said.

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to wave reading the minutes from the last meeting. Kirk Klein made the motion to wave reading the minutes. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Horse Ordinance

Nick Heffner read Ordinance 2021-07 for the second time. The ordinance will need to be advertised in the KPC paper and after 30 days from advertisement it will be enforceable. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-07 on the second reading and waive a third reading. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### Town Hall Sign

New quotes from Millers Sign, GrayCraft Signs and Indiana Signs were presented. Nick Heffner stated at the last meeting the town council wanted all the signs to be the same measurement and a quote for 10mm pixel pitch and 16 mm pixel pitch. After looking over the quotes Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Graycraft Signs at a cost of \$24,573.87 with the 16mm pixel. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Graycraft Signs at the cost of \$24,573.87. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### TOWN INSURANCE

Jared Ramer was present to talk to the town council about why the cost went up with the towns insurance. First was due to cyber interference and second was due to police coverage. All members looked over the difference from last year to this next year. All members thanked Jared Ramer for attending and explaining this in detail to them. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the insurance cost for 2022 for \$32,132.00. Kirk Klein made the motion to accept. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Sewer quotes for mowing in 2022**

Nick Heffner opened the sewer quotes for mowing in 2022. Quality Lawn was \$280.00 per mowing and \$100.00 per trimming. J/S Lawn Care was \$275.00 per mowing and \$175.00 per trimming. Schmidt's Services was \$400.00 per mowing and \$185.00 per trimming. Quality Lawn wanted a 3-year contract. All members discussed the quotes. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to accept Quality Lawn but deny the 3-year contract. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Quality Lawn but not the 3-year contract for mowing and trimming in 2022. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **Credit for Laundry Mat**

Terry Williams, owner of Lakeland Holdings, LLC, which own the laundry mat, wanted the credit for the laundry mat transferred to the other two buildings that he owns. Brenda Conley contacted the State Board of Accounts. Bill Eberhard stated the State Board of Accounts will approve writing a check to Terry Williams for the credit left on the laundry mat in the amount of \$1588.08 but the other two buildings will have to be paid in full before the reimbursement is done. Brenda stated the other two buildings have a balance of \$243.00 each which includes late fees. Bill Eberhard recommends to the council to waive the late fees for the apartment above the laundry mat, 103 Weston Street, Rome City, IN and a dog grooming business at 185 Front Street, Rome City, IN. Reimburse the credit on the Laundry Mat of \$1588.08 which will be contingent upon, Mr. Terry Williams paying the other 2 properties in full within 30 days. Brenda stated the balance on the other 2 properties without the late fees are \$225.00 each, total \$450.00 up to December 25, 2021. Terry Williams asked the council to also reimburse him his attorney fees because he should have been reimbursed for the laundry mat before he got his attorney involved. Bill Eberhard stated this is out of the question. The town will not be paying back your attorney fees due to Mr. Terry Williams wanting more credit for the laundry mat. Mr. Terry Williams stated this looks like we are square with everything. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to waive the late fees on the apartment and the grooming business, and to reimburse Mr. Terry Williams on the laundry mat for the credit that is present, current total of \$1588.08 contingent upon paying the other 2 properties, 103 Weston Street, Rome City, IN amount of \$225.00 and 185 Front Street, Rome City, IN amount of \$225.00 in full within 30 days, also no payment to Mr. Terry Williams will be paid for his attorney fees. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **TIF GRANT for Lakeland Holding, LLC and Red Sea LLC (Fruition Industries LLC)**

Nick Heffner stated the Rome City Redevelopment met on November 1, 2021 and December 13, 2021. Mr. Terry Williams with Lakeland Holding, LLC (Rome City coin laundry) presented improvements he has done with the building and is requesting a reimbursement from the grant money. Nick Heffner stated we needed more itemized statements other than what was presented before issuing a check. Mr. Terry Williams stated he will get more receipts around and present them to the Redevelopment committee. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the grant money contingent upon receiving the correct receipts the Redevelopment requires. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to approve. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Nick Heffner stated at the December 13, 2021 meeting Mr. Jeff Cybulski owner of Red Sea LLC (Fruition Industries LLC) presented a receipt for painting the exterior of his building at 105 Warren Dr., Rome City, IN for the grant money in TIF. The committee is asking him to present another quote which he had and will be forwarding to the committee. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to accept Mr. Jeff Cybulski request contingent upon receiving the other quote. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Eberhard, Weimer, Glick, P.C. representation for 2022**

Bill Eberhard presented the representation letter. Bill stated his cost went up \$25.00 more than the years past. For 2022 the cost will be \$175.00 per hour. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Eberhard, Weimer, Glick, P.C. to represent the Town of Rome City, IN. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Liability Waiver for Wolcottville to use the shooting range**

Bill Eberhard presented the liability waiver and indemnity agreement for use of firearms range and training facilities for 2022. Paul Hoffman stated he is approving the agreement. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the agreement. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve the agreement with Wolcottville. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Region 3A appointee**

Nick Heffner stated he was on the committee for 2021 and he would like to serve again in 2022. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve Nick Heffner as the representative for the town of Rome City. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2021-10 encumber funds for new sign at town hall**

Brenda Conley stated in the general fund, appropriation 450 there is \$10,000.00 that we can encumber into the 2022 budget to help pay for the new town hall sign. All members agreed. Nick Heffner read Resolution 2021-10 and asked for a motion to approve and to approve the purchase order 2021-2315 to pay Graycraft Signs \$10,000.00 toward the sign. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve the resolution and the purchase order. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Paid Holidays for 2022**

Nick Heffner read the paid holiday for 2022. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the paid holidays. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve the paid holidays. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2021-10 Wage and Salary for 2022**

Nick Heffner presented a spreadsheet on what each employee will be receiving for 2022. The Ordinance was prepared and presented. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-10. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-10 on the first reading. Kirk Klein second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Departmental Reports:**

Town Manager: (see attached)

Leigh Pranger stated we need a new address for a property that was bought. The new address is 812 Kelly Street Ext., Rome City, IN 46784. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the new address. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve the new address. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Street/Wastewater: (see attached)

Town Marshal: (see attached)

**Claim Presented for payment:**

Town Funds: \$152,666.53


Sewer Operating: \$56,032.08

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to pay the claims. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to pay claims. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next Town Council meeting is January 10, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Kirk Klein made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

  
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Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer