

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2021, PUBLIC MEETING, (ZOOM)

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

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. All members present, Nick Heffner, Cheryl Clifton and Kirk Klein. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Conrad White, Bill Eberhard, Paul Hoffman, Jeremy with Commonwealth, Andy KPC reporter, zoom.

Pledge was said.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2021-01 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Brenda stated this is for \$45,096.00 in the general fund from the CARES ACT money. It will go toward hazard pay, new equipment in the conference room and police program. This was advertised on January 15, 2021 in the KPC newspaper with no one contesting it. Nick Heffner read the resolution and asked for a motion to approve. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-01. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM

Brenda stated with the Keystone Program it will cost \$500.00 for the direct deposit. It's a one-time fee with no annual fee. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the direct deposit program. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

VALVE REPAIR AT THE SEWER PLANT

Jeremy from Commonwealth was present and stated he did not receive any bids or quotes on the project. Leigh Pranger stated she did not either. They had contacted 3 companies. Bill Eberhard stated maybe with the mail they did not get to us in time. There have been problems with the mail being delivered on a timely matter lately with everyone. Bill suggested to the council to see if some come in and then have Leigh send them to you all and her and Jeremy and Conrad can go over them. Bill Eberhard stated to go with the lowest bidder if the specs are correct and then get an approval from the council at the March 8, 2021 meeting. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made the motion to have Leigh go over the bids that do come in and go with the lowest bid then get it confirmed at the next town council meeting. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2021-02 COVID 19 PAID LEAVE TIME

Bill stated on December 31, 2020 a new policy from the federal government stated that an employee can collect 80 hours of pay for the year, 2021, then they will have to take sick pay after that if they come in contact with the COVID 19. Bill stated some towns and cities are extending that with their own policy. Bill is suggesting extending our policy and resolution to June 14, 2021 and see what is happening then. So, the town employees will be able to take paid time off if needed without using their sick time. All members agreed. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-02. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ANNUAL REPORT

Brenda stated the annual report is complete. She did receive the emails from the council approving the annual report. Brenda stated she needs another approval from the council. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the annual report. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve the annual report. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LIABILITY WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH WOLCOTTVILLE FOR THE USE OF THE FIREARM FIELD

Paul Hoffman stated he has received the liability waiver from Wolcottville, IN for them to be able to use our firearm facility. Wolcottville Police will have to contact the Rome City Marshal to have consent to use the facility before using. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to accept the waiver from Wolcottville. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept the waiver. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW LANDSCAPING FOR THE TOWN HALL

Brenda asked the council if it would be ok to get some landscaping designs for the town hall. The grounds have not been landscaped since it was built in 2004. Brenda stated there are a lot of ground squirrels also. All council members agreed to have some landscaping designs done and presented to the council for their approval.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER (SEE ATTACHED)

Leigh stated she has been going over the roads to see what needs to be done for the Crossing Grant. She will report back to the council. Leigh stated we need to do crack fill which was not done last year. She can contact API and tell them 45 hundred pounds and see how far they get. She would like to do Lakeside Drive and Lakeside Court. She will report back to the council.

Leigh stated Mike Friskney would like to buy a piece of property that is adjacent to his property. Leigh received 2 cost from real estate people and they both came in to around \$600.00. A deed will need to be done. Bill Eberhard stated the deed will be around \$100.00. Leigh stated she can contact Mike Friskney with the \$600.00 and see what he thinks then report back to the council.

STREET AND WASTEWATER

Conrad White read his report (see attached)

TOWN MARSHAL:

Paul Hoffman gave his end of the year report and his monthly report.

Paul stated he has been looking at body camera, 6, and the equipment that goes with them. Paul stated Wolfcom cost is \$14,022.49 and that includes a 3-year program. Pro-Vision is \$2995.00 for 1 car camera, plus 4 body cameras which is \$69.99 each per month and car camera is \$696.00 per month for as long as we use them. So, for 1 year with Pro-Vision it would be \$7003.00 per year to use the body cameras. Paul will get back with the council on another company he had heard about. Paul will present this again at the March 8, 2021 meeting.

TOWN FUNDS:

- 1. TOWN: \$74,142.01
- 2. SEWER: \$33,831.73

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

Next Town Council meeting is March 8, 2021 at 6:30pm, ZOOM, at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN.

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Kirk Klein made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer