

MINUTES

ROME CITY PUBLIC MEETING (ZOOM)

JUNE 14, 2021
ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:33pm, June 14, 2021. All members, Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein and Cheryl Clifton present. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Paul Hoffman, Bill Eberhard, Commonwealth engineers, Tina and Jim Wilkinson, Kelly Morris, Cindy O'Brien, Pam Baker and John Martin. Steve, KPC reporter on zoom.

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's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

CEDIT AMEND

Leigh Pranger stated since the town hall is going to be paid off in January, 2022, she thought the CEDIT ordinance needs to be amended. Leigh read the ordinance. This does include the building of a new street garage. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made a motion to wave the second reading and approve ordinance 2021-05 on the first reading. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

LAND QUOTE FOR CORNER OF ELLIS AND LIONS

Leigh Pranger stated she did advertise the land that the town owns at the corner of Ellis and Lions drive, and Mike Friskney still wants to make an offer of \$100.00. Leigh stated the new owner will be responsible for the cost of the deed, closing and transfer of ownership. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept the offer of \$100.00 from Mike Friskney and have him pay the cost of the deed and closing and transfer of ownership. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

TASK ORDER

Commonwealth engineer explained the task order. This is for the grant for the bike trail. Leigh stated the Town will have to be the ones applying for the grant, but the Rome City Conservancy stated they will pay for half the amount. Bill Eberhard stated if this is approved, he will have an interlocal agreement between the town and conservancy district. The total amount will be \$24,180.00. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made a motion to accept the task order with Commonwealth and sign the interlocal agreement and to wave the second reading and approve on the first reading. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-04

Bill Eberhard read the resolution which is needed so the town can still do electronic meetings and votes. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made the motion to wave reading the second time and approve on the first reading. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

GENERAL CODE CHANGES

Leigh Pranger stated she is working with Paul Hoffman, town marshal, to make some changes to the general code book. Leigh would like to table this until the next meeting. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made a motion to table until the next meeting. Cheryl Clifton second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

REPAIR FOR AIR CONDITIONER

Wagner Meinert LLC gave a quote for repair work that needs done on the air conditioner at the town hall. They had found these problems after they did an annual check. The total cost is \$919.17. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to accept Wagner-Meinert LLC to repair the air conditioner at the cost of \$919.17. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

611 JACKSON STREET PROPERTY

Brenda Conley presented an offer of \$9000.00 for the town owned property at 611 Jackson Street. Bill Eberhard asked if this is still listed with a real estate agent. Brenda stated no it is not. Bill told Leigh and the council we can not accept this offer until it is advertised. Leigh stated she will advertise. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to table this offer. Kirk Klein second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

SYLVAN CELLARS, JULY 17, 2021 BAND

Leigh stated Sylvan Cellars contacted her when the marshal was in her office and asked if on July 17, 2021 the band can play until 1:00am instead of 11:00pm. It is a very popular band for our area and 2 years ago they had a lot of people there. Paul Hoffman stated we have already received info that the other bands, that have been playing outside, are very loud and people in Wolcottville can hear them. Paul stated our noise ordinance states that the noise must stop at 11:00pm. All members talked it over and since it is a band from our area, they would like to extend the time to 12:00am. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made the motion to allow Sylvan Cellars to have the band on July 17, 2021 play until 12:00am. Cheryl Clifton second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ALLEY AND ROAD CLOSURE

July 3, 2021 is the fireworks in town. Cheryl Clifton suggested to shut down the alley from Weston to the liquor store due to having people walking to the firework area. Paul Hoffman would like to have Front Street, from Weston to State Road 9 shut down from 4:00pm to after the fireworks. This will give people an area to sit to watch the fireworks. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton sustained from voting since this was in her area. Kirk Klein made the motion to close the alley and Front Street from 4:00pm to after the fireworks on July 3, 2021 or July 4, 2021(rain date). Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS

Nick Heffner reported the fireworks will be July 3, 2021 rain date July 4, 2021.

BUGET MEETINGS

Brenda Conley asked the council about the budget hearing and adoption meetings. They all wanted the hearing on September 13, 2021 at 5:30pm and the adoption meeting on October 11, 2021 at 6:30pm.

VENDORS ON JULY 3, 2021

Leigh Pranger stated there will be 3 vendors on July 3, 2021 at the Pepperoni's Parking lot. Since the park department arranged this and they will have donation cans setting out for the restroom at Gaff Park. Kirk Klein asked about the other vendors that come to town do they have to get a permit? Leigh stated yes but these vendors are helping the park department out. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made the motion to not have the vendors at Pepperoni's pizza parking lot pay for a permit. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

REPAIR PUMP AT THE LEGION

Leigh presented a quote from Indiana Pump Works, LLC. to repair the pump at the legion. Total cost \$21,330.00. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to repair the pump. Kirk Klein made the motion to repair the pump at a cost of \$21,300.00. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

REPAIR WASHINGTON STREET BY MILLERS SUPER VALUE

Leigh presented a quote from Millers Super Value. They are repairing their parking lot and Washington Street is right north of the lot and needs some work. The Towns cost will be \$3195.00. All members looked it over. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made the motion to repair Washington street at a cost of \$3195.00. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

PETITION FOR MANURE CLEAN UP

Tina Wilkinson presented the town council signed petitions for the town to do something about the horse manure on the streets. Tina stated this needs to be done due to the high traffic of Amish coming into the town. After several people spoke on this matter, Bill Eberhard stated he can get an ordinance to the town council at the next meeting but there will have to be a Public Meeting before this ordinance can be approved. Bill Eberhard stated we do not want a discrimination suite against the town. Nick Heffner stated we need a public meeting on this. Bill Eberhard stated he will present an ordinance at the next meeting for review. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made a motion to have Bill Eberhard present an ordinance at the next meeting. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER (SEE ATTACHED)

STREET/WASTEWATER, no report Conrad White was not present.

TOWN MARSHAL (SEE ATTACHED)

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$116,321.10

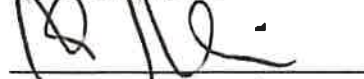
SEWER OPERATING: \$38,406.05

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

Next town council meeting is July 12, 2021 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784.

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:22pm. Kirk Klein made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Kirk Klein, Vice-President

ATTEST



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer