

MINUTES

MAY 10, 2021

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING (ZOOM)

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, Cheryl Clifton and Kirk Klein present. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Bill Eberhard, Conrad White, Commonwealth Engineers, Cindy O'Brien, Tina Wilkinson and Andy with KPC.

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:

Ordinance 2021-03 Amend Ordinance 1989-05

Bill Eberhard presented Ordinance 2021-03 an amendment for the vacation of an unimproved portion of Grant Street and a portion of the alley between Lots 194 and 195. The ordinance 1989-05 omitted the portion of alley between lots 194 and 195. Bill Eberhard read the ordinance 2021-03. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve ordinance 2021-03. Cheryl Clifton's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2021-02 American Rescue Plan Act, Fund 176

Brenda Conley presented the Ordinance 2021-02 to the council. Bill Eberhard had looked it over and approved. This fund is established due to money that will be coming from the state for the covid issue. We will need to appropriation the fund, but Brenda would like to wait until they finalize what we can spend the money on. Brenda Conley read the ordinance. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the new Fund 176 and ordinance 2021-02. Kirk Klein made the motion to wave the second reading and approve on the first reading, Ordinance 2021-02. Cheryl Clifton's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Amend CEDIT Ordinance

Leigh Pranger stated she would like to table this until the June, 2021 meeting. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to table. Kirk Klein's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Offer for town lot at Corner of Ellis and Lions Drive

Leigh Pranger stated we have a portion of land on the corner of Ellis and Lions Drive and Mike Friskney made an offer of \$100.00 to purchase. Leigh stated the land right beside this is owned by Mike Friskney. This small area is not buildable land but if Mike Friskney buys it, he can then build on his property. Bill Eberhard stated this property needs to be advertised. The market analysis is \$600.00. Bill Eberhard stated if the town approves \$100.00 then the town will be paying a lot more for the deed and other expenses that what was received. Bill does not want any transfers without advertising for bids. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to table. Kirk Klein made the motion to table and advertise the property. Cheryl Clifton's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CF1's

Brenda Conley presented the CF1's from Momentum, Precision, Staggs/Aggregate and Sylvan Farms. All town council looked them over. Bill Eberhard has also looked them over. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve the CF1's for Momentum, Precision, Staggs/Aggregate and Sylvan Farms. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve all the CF1's. Cheryl Clifton's seconds the motions. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Keystone programs

Brenda Conley presented the cost for the Fund, Asset, Payroll and Utility programs from Keystone. It all went up 6% more then last year. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to accept Keystone programs for an annual cost of \$7180.00. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept Keystone programs. Kirk Klein's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Moton carried.

Health and Dental Insurance

Brenda Conley presented the health Insurance, United Health Care is who the town has now for health, vision, disability and life. To keep the same plan as we have now it will decrease in premiums by .28%. But the deductible will go up to 750/15,000, right now we have 500/1000. The other insurance companies were Anthem and PHP which were a lot higher than what we are paying now. Cheryl asked if everyone is ok with what we have now, and Brenda stated she has not heard any complaints. Brenda Conley stated Best Life did not change which is our dental insurance. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to accept United Health Care and keep with Best Life. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve United Health Care and Best Life. Kirk Klein's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Noble County Economic Development

Brenda Conley stated Noble County Economic Development is asking for \$1000.00 annual gift. Brenda Conley stated it is appropriated. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to send \$1000.00 to Noble County Economic Development. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to pay \$1000.00. Kirk Klein's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Parade Aug. 14, 2021 and Block Party

Brenda Conley stated the parade is Aug. 14, 2021 and Block Party is at 2:00 that day. The block party will be at the town hall and Jeannie Edholm will get with Marshal Hoffman about the parade. The parade will be using the same route as last year. Nick Heffner agreed to have the town participate in the parade.

Tina Wilkinson, horses

Tina Wilkinson was wondering what can be done with all the horse debris that are on the roads. Bill Eberhard stated he tried to enforce it in LaGrange County, and it did not go over very well. Tina stated all of it is going into the lake eventually and the grocery store has a lot of the debris and it is smelling up the area. Bill Eberhard stated start by talking to the bishop in the area and see if he can help first. After that have the bishop come to the town hall meeting.

Commonwealth Engineers about the Trails

Jeremy with Commonwealth Engineers stated there is a grant for helping with the trails to extend from Lions Drive to Sylvan Cellars. Jeremy presented a map of the area to the council. The grant does not open until November 1, 2021 and closes November 30, 2021. The cost for them to do the task order is \$24,180.00, which can be included on the grant amount. Leigh Pranger stated the town must be the one applying for the grant, but the conservancy has agreed to pay a portion of the cost for the trails. Leigh stated an agreement will be wrote up for the conservancy to the town. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to have Commonwealth present the task order at the next meeting. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to present the task order. Kirk Klein's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Town Manager: (see attached)

Leigh Pranger presented ordinance 2021-04 to vacate a portion of property that Bruce Reisdorph owns. It is a vacate lots. Leigh presented the survey to the town council. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve ordinance 2021-04. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve on the first reading and wave the second reading of Ordinance 2021-04. Cheryl Clifton's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Street/Wastewater (see attached)

Town Marshal (see attached)

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$93,449.52

SEWER OPERATING: \$57,052.66

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

Next Town Council meeting is June 14, 2021 at 6:30pm (ZOOM) at Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Nick Heffner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. Kirk Klein made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton's seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL


Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:


Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer