

# MINUTES

## ROME CITY PUBLIC MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 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, Bill Eberhard (Zoom), Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Paul Hoffman, Jim and Tina Wilkinson, Cindy O'Brien, Mr. Buck, Indiana Signs, Graycraft Sign, and Miller Signs.

Pledge was said.

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Ordinance 2021-07 Horse effluent

Bill Eberhard read the ordinance. Leigh stated there needs to be a change in paragraph 4 it says resolution instead of ordinance. Also, Bill would like to add the road names into the thoroughfares. All members discussed which road should be names in the ordinance. They agree to have Front Street, Gale Street and Grant Street along with State Road 9 into the ordinance. Bill stated this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance he will make the changes and get it back to the council at the December meeting.

### QUOTES FOR MOVING ASPHALT

Leigh Pranger received quotes for moving the chipped asphalt in the parks and recycle area. Millers Excavating \$1500.00-\$1700.00 for parks and \$680.00-\$830.00 for the recycle area. Eshleman's was \$6000.00 for all parks and \$2000.00 for recycle area. Leigh stated one of the parks is in the conservancy district and they will pay for that which should be around \$500.00. The Northeast Indiana Waste will help in the recycle area by moving the bins when we are doing the work or contribute \$200.00 for the area. Nick Heffner asked for a motion to approve Millers Excavating. Kirk Klein made the motion to accept Millers Excavating. Cheryl Clifton second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Ordinance 2021-09 Crossing Grant

Leigh Pranger presented Ordinance 2021-09 which is the INDOT Crossing Grant. They are asking for a representative from the town to sign any paperwork and they need it in a ordinance. Leigh Pranger suggested it should be Nick Heffner since he is the president of the council. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve the Ordinance 2021-09 with Nick Heffner as the signee. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **New sign at the town hall**

Brenda Conley stated we have 3 quotes for a new message sign at the town hall. Graycraft, Indiana Signworks, and Millers Signs. All 3 representatives spoke to the town council. Nick Heffner asked about the size and there seems to be a difference in them. Nick also asked about the name of the town and if it should be on top of the message board or on the bottom. Nick also asked about the voltage we have now and if we would need to update that also. Nick stated to compare all these quotes they need to all be the same size. Kirk Klein and Cheryl Clifton stated they would like the name of the town at the top of the sign. Kirk Klein stated we should go with the 3'X 7' with the 16 mm lights. Nick Heffner asked all three to please do new quotes and present them at the December town council meeting.

### **Reduce sewer bill at 249 Front Street**

Brenda Conley stated Mr. Buck is the owner and is present. Mr. Buck stated it was a two-apartment building at 249 Front Street and he has redone the building and made it into a 1 house building. Brenda Conley stated the building inspector has finalized the building and proved that it is now no longer a two-apartment building. Mr. Buck is asking for the sewer to be lower to 1 payment instead of 2. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve going down to 1 sewer payment starting in November 2021. Kirk Klein seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **End of the year meeting**

Brenda Conley asked the council if they wanted to schedule an end on the year meeting around the week of December 27. Cheryl asked if we could get everything done at the December 13, 2021 meeting then we will not need one. Brenda stated wage and salary ordinance will need done and paid holidays will need done. Brenda stated if something unexpected comes up then we will need a meeting to approve the purchase. All members agree to not having an end of the year meeting.

### **Resolution 2021-09 Reduce Appropriations**

Brenda Conley presented Resolution 2021-09 to reduce this years appropriation to help with the 2022 budget. This will be sent to the Department of Local Government and Finance for their input for the 2022 budget. Nick Heffner read the resolution. Nick Heffner asked for a motion. Kirk Klein made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-09. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

TOWN MANAGER, did not present one  
Street/Wastewater (see attached)

Town Marshal (see attached) Nick Heffner asked Marshal Paul Hoffman if he received his email about the semi that is parking at the industrial park. Paul stated he did, and he will have it looked into since the town has installed the no parking signs.

### **CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:**

TOWN FUNDS: \$221,479.37

SEWER OPERATING: \$41,529.92

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 December 13, 2021 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 7:24pm. Kirk Klein made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

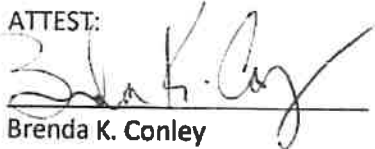
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Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:



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Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer