

MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2019

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL Public Meeting

Rome City Town Hall
402 Kelly Street
Rome City, IN 46784

Gary Furlow called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All members Gary Furlow, Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton present. Also, present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Jim Sheffield, Paul Hoffman, Carl Grove, KPC reporter Andy Barrand, Lou Zabona Reick Insurance, Jared Ramer Black and Ramer Insurance, Bill Eberhard and Jeremy with Commonwealth.

Pledge was said.

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

Town Insurance for 2020

Gary Furlow stated the town's insurance is due and asked Jared Ramer with Black and Ramer to present his quote. Jared stated he is recommending Trident Insurance for the town. The total cost is \$22,566.00. Jared shared the towns that he represents. After giving his presentation Nick Heffner asked about Cyber liability and pollution cleanup and removal and hazmat. Jared stated the insurance can offer the Cyber liability at a cost that he did not know what it was at this time. As far as pollution clean up it should be covered. Lou Zabona is recommending Selective Insurance which is what we have now. The cost is \$22,193.00. Lou stated the cost for Cyber liability will be an additional \$750.00 per \$50,000.00 coverage. Lou went on and explained the insurance coverage. Gary Furlow stated they will review the plans and get back with them. Bill Eberhard recommends the town council make a motion to have the council look over everything and have Gary Furlow e-mail Brenda Conley with the results then at the January 13, 2020 meeting approve the company with a motion. Cheryl made the motion to approve at the January 13, 2020 meeting. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2019-13 CBD

Gary Furlow read ordinance 2019-13, an ordinance regulating the sale of products containing CBD oil. Bill Eberhard stated that he has not found a town that has done this but until the Federal Government regulates CBD oil the oil can contain anything. This will not permit any business or persons to sell CBD oil in the town limits. This ordinance does carry a fine. The marshal officers will deliver a copy of the ordinance to the businesses in town and this ordinance will be advertised. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to wave the rules and approve ordinance 2019-13 on the first hearing. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Sewer line to Kelly Hardware

Leigh stated since our last meeting the hardware store found out their line just needed cleaned and after they did that everything is working fine. Leigh stated there is no reason to discuss running a sewer line out there at this time.

Commonwealth

Jeremy with Commonwealth Engineer presented the town council with an agreement for if they needed them for any other work in town besides the sewer plant. Bill Eberhard stated he will need to look over this contract. This is also a general service contract. Gary Furlow stated we picked your company for this reason but if a contract needs to be signed then it will be upon Bill Eberhard recommendation. All members agreed.

Quitclaim Deed for Noble Trails

Leigh stated this is a quitclaim deed for the trails going in off Lions Drive. There was a portion of the property that the town owned that ran with the railroad tracks. This deed is giving the portion of land that the town owns to Noble Trails. All members read the deed. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to accept the deed. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve the deed. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer to pay claims

Brenda stated since there is no end of the year meeting, she is asking permission from the town council to pay any remaining bills for the month. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to have Brenda Conley, Clerk-Treasurer, pay any remaining bills for the month of December 2019. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Resolution if necessary

Brenda Conley is asking for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-03 for if any transfers need to be made from appropriations. Brenda will inform the council before the transfers are done. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to approve the resolution 2019-03 transfer of funds for appropriations. Brenda will present this resolution to the town council at the next meeting if needed. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Paid Holidays for 2020

Gary Furlow read the paid holidays for 2020. Gary asked for a motion to approve these days. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve the paid holidays for 2020. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2019-12, 2020 Wage and Salary

Gary Furlow read the ordinance and asked for a motion to approve. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve the ordinance 2019-12. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Eberhard Representation for 2020

Bill Eberhard presented the town council with his letter for representation for 2020. The cost is the same as this year. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to accept Eberhard, Weimer, Clouse and Glick as the town's attorney for 2020. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Oath of Office

Bill Eberhard sworn in the elected officials for the next 4 years. Brenda Conley, Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Clifton town council, Gary Furlow town council and Nick Heffner town council.

Gary Furlow stated the end of the year meeting is canceled.

1782 Notice

Brenda presented the 1782 Notice which is the budget for 2020. It was approved with no cuts.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Town Manager (see attached)
- Street/Wastewater (see attached)
- Town Marshal (see attached)

Claims presented for payment

Town Funds: \$120,669.91

Sewer Operating: \$74,960.19

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

Next town council meeting will be January 13, 2019 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 4784

Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Rome City Town Council



Gary Furlow, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley

Clerk-Treasurer