

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

PUBLIC MEETING

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

ROME CITY TOWN HALL

402 KELLY STREET

ROME CITY, IN 46784

All members present, Gary Furlow, Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton. Also, present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Jim Sheffield, Paul Hoffman, Conrad White, Carl Grove, Tony Peak and Bill Eberhard.

Gary Furlow called the budget hearing meeting to order at 5:30pm. All members discussed the budget. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Gary Furlow called the regular town council meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge was said.

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

OLD BUSINESS

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Cara Sission presented the town council with invoices that were paid from the work that had been performed on the buildings. Cara Sission is asking the council to wave receiving the pilot money for a year. All members agreed that work is being done. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to wave receiving pilot money from the Rome City Housing Authority for a year. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to wave receiving the money for a year. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

PART TIME OFFICERS PAY

Gary Furlow stated the council has been discussing this pay raise for the part time officers. Jim Sheffield is requesting a \$4.00 raise for each part time officer. After town council discussed this it was decided to give the officers a \$3.00 raise to see if this would help in making them work more for the town. Brenda Conley will amend the salary and wage ordinance and present it at the next town council meeting for approval. Brenda stated this raise can not start until the ordinance is approved. All members agreed. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to give them a raise. Nick Heffner made the motion to give the part time officers a \$3.00 per hour raise starting after the October 14, 2019 town council meeting and to amend the wage and salary ordinance. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

HACKMAN EASEMENT

Leigh Pranger presented a survey of the Hackman property and they want to vacate an alley easement. Leigh stated this is the only way we can get to our station and she felt we should not vacate. All members agreed. Bill Eberhard stated the attorney for the Hackmans was not present. Bill stated he let the Hackman attorney, Mr. Atz, know that the town is not interested in vacating the alley easement.

NEW ADDRESS, 746 BAYVIEW

Leigh stated a new home is being built by Trevor Molen on Bayview. The Plan Commission had approved the new address and is asking the town council for approval. The new address will be 746 Bayview. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve the new address. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

TRUNK/TREAT AT THE ROME CITY SCHOOL

Brenda stated the police department always decorates the car for this and it will be on October 18, 2019 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, at the Rome City School. The school was asking the town for some donations but with our police being there and they will be handing out candy.

TRICK/TREAT DATE

The Town Council approved that October 31, 2019, Thursday, 5:00pm to 7:00pm will be trick/ treat night.

STORAGE SHED FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul Hoffman stated the police department needs a storage shed out at the sewer plant for there equipment. The quotes from Midwest mini barns, 12X20 metal \$4901.25 and 10X16 \$4683.00. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to accept the 12X20 for \$4901.25. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept the 12X20 for \$4901.25. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEXTDOOR SOCIAL MEDIA SITE

Paul Hoffman present a new site to get info out to local town people. He stated this is free app for 100 people. It is used to notify people if things are going on in their neighborhood. It also will go do his messages if that person does not want anyone else to know about it. You must be invited to the app and as the administrator he will be able to decline or accept. He also can delete someone if they are abusing the site. All member liked this and told Paul to proceed with the app.

ORDINANCE FOR NO SALE OF CBD OIL IN TOWN

Paul stated the CBD oil that is being sold is not regulated and this can be dangerous for people. The 2 gas stations in town do sale the oil and Paul would like to have an ordinance to not be able to sale CBD oil in town. Bill stated he would have to investigate this more on how to write up the ordinance. Bill would like to present this to the town council at the next meeting. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to table this until the next meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

MUSIC

This was not on the agenda but Tony Peak who lives on Spring Beach stated the music at Sylvan Cellars last weekend was very loud and it went way past the 11:00pm deadline for the town noise ordinance. He had called and talked to someone that night at the Cellars and they were very rude. He called the Noble County Sheriff and they stated they could not enforce the town's noise ordinance. Jim stated he will contact the Sheriff department and send them our noise ordinance and will contact Sylvan Cellars owners. Tony Peak thanks everyone.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER (SEE ATTACHED)

STREET AND WASTEWATER (SEE ATTACHED)

TOWN MARSHAL (SEE ATTACHED)

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

1. TOWN FUNDS: \$136,560.69
2. SEWER OPERATING: \$30,008.88

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 is Oct. 14, 2019 at 6:30pm for the budget adoption and the regular meeting starting right after.

Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Cheryl Clifton made the motion adjourn. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

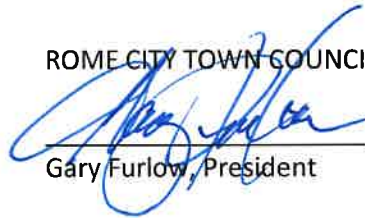
Administrative meeting started at 7:45pm. Gary Furlow called it to order. Adjournment time was 8:05pm.

ATTEST



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Gary Furlow, President