

MINUTES

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 8, 2018

ROME CITY TOWN HALL
402 KELLY STREET
ROME CITY, IN 46784

Carl Castle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Carl Castle, Nick Heffner and Gary Furlow present. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Jim Sheffield, Paul Hoffman, Bill Eberhard, Steve Garbacz, Kim Angell, Terry Williams, Sue Emerson, Cara Sission, John Edwards, Ryan Castle, Jerry Raber, Brenda Stephens, Roberta Stone

Pledge was said.

Carl Castle called the **budget adoption meeting** to order. All members looked over ordinance 2018-03. Carl Castle read the ordinance. Carl Castle asked for a motion to approve the 2019 Budget, ordinance 2018-03. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve ordinance 2018-03. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Lora Gage property

Bill Eberhard stated a 12C judgement was filed. Now it is up to the courts what the next step will be. Either we go to court or they will settle it without going to court. Bill will let the council know as soon as he knows.

NEW BUSINESS:

Advance Rome City

Roberta Stone stated she is here on behalf of Advance Rome City and the Rome City Chamber. They have changed the name of "Holliday Walk" to "Lakeside Holiday's". The walk of homes will be on Nov. 17, 2018 from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Advance Rome City would like to move Roman back from where it is now and plant a tree beside it, so the school children can decorate. The electric for the tree can be hooked up to the pole that is right beside Roman. Roberta is asking the town council for permission to plant the tree and move Roman and to use the pole to hook up electric. Gary asked what kind of tree and have they gotten estimates on the cost. Roberta stated another member is getting all that info. Carl asked how big the tree will be because he doesn't want the roots to damage our sidewalk. Roberta stated they are looking at a slow growing tree that will be only about 8 foot tall. Roberta stated if the town council approves then the school children will decorate and have a tree lighting gathering on Nov. 16, 2018 at 6:30pm. Gary thanked Advance Rome City and the Chamber for everything they are doing for Rome City. Carl Castle asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept the tree planting and moving Roman contingent up on Leigh Pranger approval after she is presented with the tree size. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Housing Authority of Rome City wants to wave the PILOT money

Cara Sission with the Rome City Housing Authority along with Sue Emerson and John Edwards, who are on the board, asked that the PILOT money that the town receives each year be waved. The amount of 2012 \$5963.53 and 2018 \$4992.40 is still owed and they would like that waved also. Cara stated she had contacted 2 other towns and cities and they wave the PILOT every year. Bill Eberhard stated this is something that would have to be a yearly basis. Cara stated the housing authority has a lot of repairs to do on the property and they could use the money. Brenda stated that the town does not receive property tax money from them and the PILOT money is for that replacement. Gary Furlow would like to see the need for this money. Nick Heffner would like to see the financial papers of the housing authority. Carl stated if the town waves the PILOT he would like to see what they did with the money and a report on what they will do with the money every year. Bill stated there are a lot of things that need to be explained to the town council before this is approved. Cara will get with Brenda to go over their financial records. Brenda stated if the housing authority puts everything on gateway then it shouldn't be hard to pull up their records, but she will get with Cara. Carl Castle asked for a motion to table this until a future meeting. Gary Furlow made the motion to table until we have all the financial records and what their plans are for the money. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Sewer payment for 154 Grove Street

Brenda presented pictures of the house at 154 Grove Street. This property had a rental upstairs until Rob Slone, new owner, purchased it. Rob Slone has a building permit to remove the upstairs apartment and the building inspection has inspected the property. The Noble County building inspector stated the upstairs is now bedrooms with an inside stairway. There is still an outside stairway and the inspector told the home owner that it cannot be finalized until the stairway is removed. The outside meter for the upstairs apartment is removed. The home owner stated he will have the outside stairway out by the end of October 2018. The home owner is asking that the sewer payment for the upstairs apartment to be discontinued. All members looked at the pictures. Gary stated since the outside stairs are still there then he is not in favor of discontinuing the sewer payment. All members agreed. Carl Castle asked for a motion. Gary Furlow made the motion to not stop the sewer payment for the apartment until the outside stairway is removed. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2018-05 Rezone

Leigh stated this ordinance was approved in July 2018, but it just needs to be signed. All members signed the ordinance.

Collection and disposal of solid horse effluent on the roadways.

Leigh stated with more horses in the area there is a need for an ordinance for the horse deposits on the roadway. Leigh is concerned about this getting into the lake and contaminating it. Gary asked Paul Hoffman and Jim Sheffield if they can enforce this ordinance. Paul stated only if they see it happening. Bill stated he has tried to have an ordinance in LaGrange and Topeka and it did not pass. Bill stated you would have to have a public meeting on this before anything can be decided. Bill stated do you want the horses to wear something to catch it, do you want them to pick it up and depose it them self's. Is this going to be for horses that just pull wagons or is this for every horse that comes to town. Bill stated there are several things to think about before anything can be done. Carl Castle stated this needs to be tabled until we get more info. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Paved Alleys

Brenda stated Conrad White had asked about paving some of the alleys. Conrad stated there are 3 alleys right now that get used a lot and they are using a lot of cold pack patching holes. Brenda stated there is money in the MVH fund that can pay for these alleys to be paved. Leigh and Conrad will meet this week and go over the alleys and report back to the town council.

Dean Weir resigning

Dean Weir is resigning from part time marshal. Jim praised the work that Dean had done for the town. Dean is taking another job in LaGrange.

Ryan Castle, New hire

Jim Sheffield introduced Ryan Castle. Ryan has graduated from police academy and is working with the town of Albion and the Noble County dispatch. Ryan is from Rome City. Jim would like to hire Ryan as a part time marshal for the Town of Rome City. Bill Eberhard stated that since Carl Castle is related to Ryan he will have to abstain from any motion. Bill stated the nepotism rule is not a crime with Carl being related because he is not in direct supervision of Ryan. Brenda Conley stated she is not for this hire at this time due to the nepotism rule. Gary Furlow made the motion to hire Ryan Castle as a part time marshal. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Ryan Castle was sworn in.

Speed limit signs

Gary Furlow was interested in purchasing some speed limit signs to put on state road 9 due to the speed some vehicles are traveling through town. Leigh contacted INDOT and they will let us use their speed limit signs at no cost. These signs do have a chip for recording, so we will know the record data of the speeds. All members agreed to have Leigh contact INDOT to have these signs put into place.

Leaf Pick-Up

Carl Castle read the schedule of the leaf pick up. Carl asked for a motion to approve. Gary Furlow made the motion to approve the leaf pick up. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER: SEE ATTACHED

STREET AND WASTEWATER: SEE ATTACHED

Conrad stated he must shut down the recycle area due to people putting all kinds of lumber and other things into the recycle areas. Conrad stated he contacted Steve with waste management out of Ashley, IN and they can bring a chipper to help with all the yard waste. They would keep it at the sewer plant and then pile it to be recycled into soil then Conrad can bring the soil up to the recycle area for people to use. Conrad will see if Steve can attend the November meeting to inform the council about the process.

TOWN MARSHAL: SEE ATTACHED

CLERK-TREASURER: Bank reconciliation presented and signed

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$71,577.92

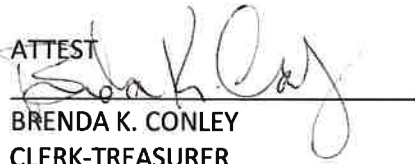
SEWER OPERATING: \$69,412.86

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

Next town council meeting is November 5, 2018, this is moved up a week due to Veteran's day on November 12 and the office will be closed. This was approved at the end of the year meeting last year.

Carl Castle asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. Gary Furlow made the motion to adjourn. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ATTEST


BRENDA K. CONLEY
CLERK-TREASURER

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL


CARL CASTLE, PRESIDENT