

# MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 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, Paul Hoffman, Conrad White, Jim Sheffield, Frank Sturdivant, Fred Sturdivant and wife, Common Wealth, Dustin Glick and Andy Barrand KPC reporter.

Pledge was said.

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### CBD OIL ORDINANCE

Dustin Glick stated Bill Eberhard is still researching the ordinance. Dustin stated the state is changing the guild lines for the CBD sale all the time. 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.

#### COMMON WEALTH ENGINEER

Jeremy, with Common Wealth, stated they are almost complete with a draft and he will e-mail this to the town as soon as it is completed. Then he would like to meet with Leigh, Conrad and one council member to go over the draft. They are trying to work with what the sludge amount is to see if it is necessary to remove it now or wait.

#### 611 JACKSON STREET

Brenda Conley stated the property did not sale at the sheriff sale. The back taxes and liens were paid by the town on October 28, 2019. Bill stated he will get the deed for the property for the town. Dustin Glick stated the town must make a motion on what they want to do with the property after receiving the deed. All members want to list with a real estate company and sale the property. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made a motion to list the property with a real estate company after the town receives the deed. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **LAKESIDE DRIVE ROAD PAYMENT**

Gary Furlow stated he looked at the road and is still concerned about the middle of the road having lines and rough spots. Conrad stated he had talked to other companies on this and they stated with the road being narrow in spots the overlap is what must be done. Conrad stated it should be crack filled next year. Gary asked why it would need to be crack fill if we just got it done. Conrad stated the winter is rough on new roads and we will have to see what happens after winter. Leigh stated that would cost around \$5000.00. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to pay the final payment of \$12,563.13. Nick Heffner made the motion to pay the final payment for the road. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **ORDINANCE #2019-10 AMEND BUILDING CODE**

Leigh Pranger stated this ordinance is to amend the Rome City Building Code cost. It was advertised twice and approved by the Plan Commission. The Noble County Building Inspector cost will be increasing in 2020 and we have to adjust our cost to reflect there's. Leigh read ordinance 2019-10. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to wave the rules and approve Ordinance #2019-10 on the first reading. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

##### **NEPOTISM POLICY**

Brenda Conley presented the papers for all elected officials to sign for conflict of interest for hiring and contracts. All members signed the papers.

##### **REAPPOINT PAM LIPASEK TO NOBLE COUNTY CONVENTION BUREAU**

Leigh stated Pam Lipasek took the place of Monica Brady this year on the Noble County Convention bureau board and would like to be reappointed for the next 3 years. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept Pam Lipasek for the Noble County Convention Board. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

##### **FAIRY DOORS**

Leigh presented the town council with a brochure with the information about the fairy doors to be placed around town if approved. The cost for one door for the town is \$250.00. All members looked over the brochure. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to purchase a door for \$250.00. Leigh stated it will be on the outside wall of the town hall by the mural. Nick Heffner made the motion to purchase the fairy door. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

##### **NEW ADDRESS FOR MOLEN**

Leigh stated for emergency only she has given Elizabeth Molen an address of 705 Bayview Drive, Rome City, IN 46784. They have a horse barn only at the present time. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to accept the address for emergency only. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **FRED STURDIVANT VACATE ALLEY**

Fred Sturdivant would like to vacate the alley behind his property, 199 Sylvan Ave. Leigh stated there are 3 property owners involved in vacating the alley and Sturdivant has contacted all of them. There are not sewer lines in the alley way. Dustin stated to final a vacate it is a 4-step process. After they pay for a survey, they will have to present the council with the information before the council can finalized. Leigh gave the Sturdivant the info that needs to be done before the council can proceed. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to have the Sturdivant proceed with the survey at Sturdivant expense. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to proceed. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

#### **REDEVELOPMENT REPLACEMENT, RANDY PIPPINGER**

Gary Furlow stated Kim Angell has resigned for the Redevelopment Committee and Randy Pippinger is interested in the position. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept Randy Pippinger for the board member on the Town of Rome City Redevelopment Committee. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

#### **SEWER LINE EXTENSION TO KELLY HARDWARE AND HILLTOP CHURCH**

Cheryl Clifton stated that she had been contacted by Kelly Hardware and Hilltop Church that their septic system is not working properly and would like to know if the town can extend the sewer line to there property's. Leigh stated the Bingo Hall is already connected and if we do extend it, we can pick up around 4 other properties. Gary Furlow stated we need a cost of extending the line and if we do extend the line we will need the property owners to sign a contact to be annexed into the town. Conrad and Common Wealth will look over the lines and return to the council at a future date on the cost.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

##### **TOWN MANAGER: (SEE ATTACHED)**

Leigh presented the town council with the Crossing Grant approval letter that needs to be signed. All members signed the approval letter. Leigh stated she should have the road bids ready for the Dec. 9, 2019 meeting which will be a portion of Lions Drive and the feeder roads off Lions.

##### **STREET AND WASTEWATER: (SEE ATTACHED)**

##### **TOWN MARSHAL: (SEE ATTACHED)**

#### **ENCROACHMENT ORDINANCE 2019-11**

Dustin Glick presented the town council with an encroachment ordinance 2019-11. This is for the property at 425 Front Street. Andrew and Christine Oakley own the property and the garage was built several years ago and it is on the town alley. This encroachment ordinance will allow them to keep the garage where it is but if it is destroyed, they cannot rebuild it where it sits right now unless they present it before the town council. This ordinance will be paid the \$150.00 fee to the town attorney and the owners will be responsible for the fee for the recording of the ordinance. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to approve ordinance 2019-11. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Brenda Conley presented the bank reconciliation and Gary Furlow signed the report.

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

**TOWN FUNDS: \$56,457.16**

**SEWER OPERATING: \$14,779.7**

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

Next Town Council meeting is December 9, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to adjourn. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Gary Furlow, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley  
Clerk-Treasurer