

MINUTES

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

June 11, 2018

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

Carl Castle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All members, Carl Castle, Nick Heffner and Gary Furlow present.

Present, Bill Eberhard, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Steve Garbacz, Carl Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield, Terry Williams, Les Nivens, Conrad White, Jim Sheffield, Paul Hoffman.

Pledge

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

OLD BUSINESS:

KING STATION COST

Leigh Pranger read the cost from the 3 quotes for the station at South Bend Drive. LA Electric \$59,343.00, JO Mory \$59,507.00 and BBC pumps \$43,450.00. Conrad White stated the town can pour the concrete pad for the station. Carl Castle asked why BBC was so much lower. Conrad stated they have done a lot of work for the town and they have always done an excellent job and their equipment has worked wonderfully. Conrad highly recommends having BBC do the job. Gary asked Conrad to report to the council on the cost of the concrete. Carl Castle asked for a motion to accept BBC for the station at South Bend Drive. Gary Furlow made the motion to accept BBC. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

PARKING ON PARK DRIVE

Jim Sheffield stated there should be no parking on the south side of Park Drive for safety purposes. Bill Eberhard will write up an ordinance and present it at the next town council meeting if approved. Carl Castle asked for a motion to approve the no parking on Park Drive on the south side of the street. Gary Furlow made the motion. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

SEWER RATE

All member discussed the sewer rate. Carl Castle stated it needs to be raised due to the new equipment and chemical that are needed at the plant and, we are not gaining much revenue right now at the current rate to pay for all of this. Carl stated we also need a new lagoon. Les Nivens asked about installing water in town. Bill Eberhard stated water and sewer are two different things and the rate increase would be just for sewer. Carl Castle asked for a motion to raise the rate to \$45.00 per month as the base rate. Umbaugh would have to do an ordinance and present it to Bill Eberhard before we can approve this to start on Jan. 1, 2019. Bill Eberhard stated after he receives the ordinance he will present it to the town council. This ordinance will have to be advertised. Nick Heffner made the motion to raise the sewer flat rate to \$45.00 starting Jan. 1, 2019. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

WOOD PILE AT NORTH SHORE DRIVE

Jim Sheffield stated he has not done anything with this problem yet. Bill Eberhard stated we need to start the process on this issue and he will get back to the town council at the July meeting after talking with Jim.

NEW BUSINESS;

Peterman Property, over grown yard

Mr. Peterman sent a letter appealing the overgrown grass ordinance. Carl Castle stated this is commercial property so can the town pursue this matter. Bill Eberhard stated yes. If it is in the towns limits it must be maintained like all other properties. Leigh stated it is in the towns limits. All members agreed that it must be mowed. Leigh will contact Mr. Peterman on this matter.

NEW RESERVES

Jim Sheffield would like to have approval to hire 3 reserves and 1 paid part time officer. Jim introduced the reserves Jackie Ross, John Kelly and Daniel Rinehart. Carl Castle asked for a motion to approve the reserves. Gary Furlow made the motion to approve. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Brenda Conley read them their oath.

Jim Sheffield would like the council approval to hire Kevin Brower as a paid part time officer. Kevin has been with the town for 2 years as a reserve and the town needs another paid officer. Carl Castle asked about the budget and if there was enough to support the pay. Jim stated he feels there is enough in the budget but if it looks like the appropriation is getting low he will reduce the hours of the paid officers. Carl asked how much the pay will be. Jim stated \$15.75 per hour. Carl Castle asked for a motion. Gary Furlow made the motion to hire Keven Brower as a paid part time officer at \$15.75 per hour. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER, STREET (SEE ATTACHED)

Leigh stated it has been very difficult to find someone to mow the yards that are in violation with the ordinance in town. Quality Lawn Care will mow the yard at 611 Jackson but not the one on Kelly Street Ext by the fire station. Gary asked if the bobcat has a mower. Conrad stated yes. Gary stated why can't our employees mow the yard. Conrad stated we can. Leigh will have the town employees mow the property at Kelly Street Ext.

WASTEWATER (SEE ATTACHED) Conrad White read the report. Conrad stated BBC is going to give us a new grinder station pump to see if we like it. It will be installed at the Eastgate station. Conrad stated there is no cost for the pump, BBC wants to see if we like it then possibly buy others from them.

TOWN MARSHAL (SEE ATTACHED)

CLERK-TREASURER: Brenda asked if September 10, 2018 at 5:30pm and October 8, 2018 at 6:30pm would be ok for the budget hearing and adoption. All member approved. Also, Brenda asked if they wanted to meet before those dates to go over the budget with the department heads. All would like a meeting to set up. Brenda presented the bank reconciliation.

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$119,129.11

SEWER OPERATING: \$43,633.13

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 will be July 9, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Carl Castle asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brenda K. Conley", is written over a horizontal line.

BRENDA K. CONLEY
CLERK-TRESURER