

MINUTES

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

JUNE 10, 2019

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

Gary Furlow called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Gary Furlow and Cheryl Clifton present. Nick Heffner excused. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Jim Sheffield, Paul Hoffman, Conrad White, Carl Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield, Steve Garbacz, Nate and Rachel Schermerhorn, Mr. Kaspar daughter.

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. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

TAX ABATMENT FOR SYLVAN FARMS

Bill Eberhard presented the new paper work for the tax abatement for Sylvan Farms. Bill stated the previous assessor did not grant the abatement and the new assessor stated the owner will need to start another new abatement for this property. This abatement will be a 10 year and will start 2019. Bill had talked to the assessor and Toy Garrison who is helping with the abatements for the county. Bill presented Resolution 2019-1A that amends Resolution 2016-06. Bill also presented resolution 2019-1 for the tax abatement. All members looked over the resolutions and the tax abatement forms. Bill stated if approved these forms need to go to the court house before June 17, 2019. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve the tax abatement on the first reading. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

EASTGATE SEWER INVESTION

Gary Furlow stated the town council had heard of the results of the Eastgate law suit and Gary is asking for a motion to dismiss the lawsuit. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to dismiss the lawsuit and have the town attorney notify the other party. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS DONATIONS

Gary Furlow stated donations are needed for the firework display for the July 6, 2019 celebration. This is Randy Pippinger last year at doing the fireworks and the more donations the better the display.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leigh Pranger stated she and Conrad White and Gary Furlow interview several engineering firms. Leigh recommends Common Wealth for the wastewater plant engineer. Gary Furlow agreed. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept Common Wealth as the wastewater plant engineering firm. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 2 ayes. 0 nays. Motion Carried.

CHIPPER COST

Conrad White presented the cost for a chipper at the recycle area. It ranged for \$39,000.00 to \$5900.00. Conrad stated he was not in favor of a chipper because people dump everything into the recycle and the walnut will kill any vegetation and there are a lot of leaves in the piles. Conrad recommends keeping the Ashley Solid Waste that will come out to the sewer plant and recycle it because that will turn into soil that people can use. The cost with Solid Waste is nothing. All members agreed to wait and see how Ashley Solid Waste does.

RECYCLE AREA PROTECTION

Conrad White stated they are getting a lot of things in the recycle area that are not recyclable. Jim Sheffield stated he sited a person taking the towns gravel. Leigh highly recommend we investigate installing a fence around the garage and salt bin area also. Gary suggested a camera at the area. Nothing was decided, and Jim Sheffield stated they will keep a close eye on the area.

ORDINANCE #2019-07 RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR BZA AND PLANNING

Leigh stated these are new rules that the BZA and Planning Commissions for Rome City highly recommend. All members were sent the new rules before the meeting and have read them over. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

WATERSHED AGREEMENT

Brenda Conley stated we have not gotten all the agreements and will put this on the July agenda.

ALLEY BLOCK OFF

Cheryl Clifton has asked to have the alley beside her property blocked off on July 6, 2019 for the fireworks. Since Nick Heffner was not present this will need to be tabled.

SPEED IN THE ALLEY BEHIND MILLER'S SUPER MARKET

Cheryl Clifton stated cars are speeding on the alley behind Miller's Super Market and wants to know what can be done. Bill Eberhard stated the police need to enforce this area more since the alley was just repaved. Bill stated the speed limit needs to be posted also to enforce the speed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

TOWN MANAGER: (SEE ATTACHED)

STREET AND WASTEWATER (SEE ATTACHED)

Conrad White stated he wants to put some shut off valves on some of the grinders, he will let the town council know which on and the cost.

TOWN MARSHAL: (SEE ATTACHED)

CLERK-TREASURER:

Bank reconciliation was represented and signed by the Town Council President.

Bill Eberhard stated the judge has given Ms. Gage at 611 Jackson Street, Rome City, IN, 30 days to make what ever move on the property after the 30 days it will go up for Sheriff sale.

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$77,646.19

SEWER OPERATING: \$35,286.41


Gary Furlow asked for a motion to pay the claims. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to pay the claims.

Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next Town Council meeting is July 8, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

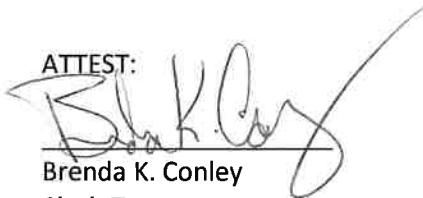
Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to adjourn. Gary Furlow seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Gary Furlow, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer