

MINUTES

MAY 14, 2018

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL, PUBLIC MEETING

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

Carl Castle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Nick Heffner present, Gary Furlow excused. Also present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Paul Hoffman, Jim Sheffield, Umsbaugh, Terry Williams, Kim Angell, Dennis Hogan, Conrad White, Scott Neukom, David Adams, Steve Garbacz and Dustin Glick.

Carl Castle asks everyone to stand for the pledge.

Carl Castle asked for a motion to wave reading the minutes from the last meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to wave reading the minutes and seconds the motion. 2 aye, 0 nays. Motion carried.

SEWER RATE STUDY

Jeff Rowe with Umbaugh explained the sewer rate study. This study included the new lagoon and aerators with a cost of about \$500,000.00. This study also included the cost without the new lagoon and aerators which would raise the monthly to \$40.25. Jeff state is we needed a loan for the new projects we can take out a bond or use state revolving fund. With the state revolving fund we would need the get the application in by July 1 and that would have to include a engineer report. Jeff stated we can use our CCD, CCIF and or CEDIT fund for part of this funding also. The town council wanted to review everything and get with the sewer super to see what all needs done. The council thanked Umbaugh for doing and explaining the study.

POLICE CAR

Paul Hoffman stated he received the following quotes, Max Platt \$26,910.25 and City Ford \$26,134.25. Nick asked if the quotes were the same, Paul stated yes. Also Paul recommends approval to have Cop Gear install all the wiring, cost \$7739.21. The money will come out of the Public Safety Fund, Brenda stated. Jim Sheffield stated he was contacted by another small town the is in need of a police car and was wondering if the town would like to donate the 2009 Crown Vic, that will be traded or sold. Carl Castle stated he was not for donating the car but if they want to give what the value is on the car that would be fine. Paul stated the value for 83,000 mile car is between \$2000.00 and \$3000.00. Jim will contact the town and get back to the town council. Carl Castle asked for a motion to buy the car at City Ford and have Cop Gear install the wiring. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept City Ford for the car and Cop Gear for installing the wiring. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

KING STATION AT SOUTH BEND DRIVE

Leigh presented two quotes for King Station repairs. J.O. Mory, Inc was a lot more then L-A Electric. Conrad White is checking with L-A Electric to see if there quote was correct. Carl Castle asked for a motion to table this until the next meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT BIDS

Town Council opened the sealed bids for the equipment the town no longer needed. Tractor with bush hog, flail mower sickle bar mower posthole digger and sweeper brush highest bid was \$2400.00 from Randy Pippenger. Trailer highest bid was \$176.50 from Jesse Roark. Carl Castle asked for a motion to accept the bids. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept the bid from Randy Pippenger for the tractor for \$2400.00 and from Jesse Roark for the trailer at \$176.50. Dustin Glick will send a purchase agreement to the town for the equipment. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CF-1 STAGGS, 102 Industrial Drive, Real Estate

Carl Castle read Staggs, tax abatement. Brenda stated this had to have a wager in the paper and it was advertised, so this abatement is ready for approval. Carl Castle asked for a motion. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept Stagg's abatement. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

CF-1 Momentum Real and Personal

Brenda stated she has sent Momentum CF-1 to Bill Eberhard to review. Dustin Glick review the previous year and this year, he gave his approval. Carl Castle asked for a motion to accept the CF-1 for real and personal tax abatement. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept the tax abatement. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SPRAY FOR WEEDS SYLVAN AVE. CAUSEWAY

Leigh presented the town council with a cost the spray the causeway on Sylvan Ave. Leigh stated we have used Everclear in the past and they know what kind of chemical to use so it does not harm the water. The cost is \$250.00. Leigh stated our employees cleaned the causeway of trees and weeds a few weeks ago. Carl Castle asked for a motion to have Everclear spray the causeway. Nick Heffner made the motion. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

PARKING ON PARK DRIVE

Dave Adams lives on Park Drive and stated his great grandson lives with him and there are times that the bus cannot go down Park Drive due to parking on both sides of the street. Leigh stated that road does not have parking restrictions. Dave Adams is asking for the town to allow parking only on one side of the street. Jim Sheffield stated for Dave to take pictures and send them to him. Dave stated he did send them to him but Jim did not get them. Paul Hoffman stated the parking seems to be the worst on the curve. The town council asked for the police to look into the parking and get back with them. Dave Adams also stated golf carts and ATV are using the sidewalks. Our Marshals will keep an eye on this because they cannot drive ATV in town and they cannot have golf carts on the sidewalks.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Carl Castle stated there will be an executive meeting on May 22, 2018 at 7:00am to discuss personal.

CERTIFICATE OF EXCESS ASSESSED VALUE

Brenda presented the town council with the paper work that needs done every year. This is done by the Redevelopment Committee and is sent to school, library, commissioners, assessor, county council county auditor, solid waste manager, Rome City town council, Orange Township Trustee. This states that 100% of the assessed value of the redevelop area is to generate incremental taxes to meet the obligations of the commission.

NOBLE COUNTY REMC DELEGATE

Carl Castle asked for a delegate for the Noble REMC annual meeting. Carl Castle suggested Gary Furlow. Nick Heffner made a motion to have Gary Furlow appointed as the Town of Rome City delegate for the REMC annual meeting. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

KEYSTONE PROGRAMS

Brenda stated the annual agreement to keep the town fund, assets, payroll and billing is presented. Assets program did not increase but the fund, payroll and billing went up 5%. Carl Castle asked for a motion to sign the agreement with Keystone. Nick Heffner made the motion to approve the Keystone programs. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

KIM ANGELL, NEW BUSINESS

Kim Angell wanted to inform the town council that she will be starting a pet grooming business in the building by the laundry mat. She would like to start it up by Aug. 1, 2018. Everyone thanked her for doing this.

OLD ROAD SIGNS

Terry Williams asked about the old road signs at the sewer plant he saw when taking his gun class. The town was going to scrape them. Terry would like to buy the Front Street sign. Council member agreed to have him pay \$5.00 for the sign. Terry also stated he would like to have a fund raiser and sale the other street signs and to give the money to Advance Rome City. This would be either in the near future or next year. All members like this idea due to they were going to get scraped anyway. Terry will get back to the town council with info.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Leigh did not have hers prepared.

Leigh did ask the council about what roads did they see that needed redone this year. Leigh suggested Lakeside Drive or Lions Drive. All members discussed this. Leigh suggested doing Lakeside Drive. Leigh stated the cost may be high. Carl Castle asked for a motion to start the process of getting quotes for Lakeside Drive. Nick Heffner made the motion. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Conrad White read his report

Paul Hoffman read the report for the Marshal

Jim Sheffield stated Jon Schuster's, 1450 North Shore Drive, wood pile across from that address as been getting lots of complaints. Carl Castle stated we had a problem with this in the past and now that it is annexed into the town we should take care of it. Jim Sheffield stated he will look into the matter and report back to the town council.

Brenda Conley is going to attend Gateway training, free, in Ft. Wayne with Leigh Pranger on June 5, 2018. Brenda will be driving to South Bend on June 12 and 13, 2018 for the annual clerk-treasurer meeting. The clerk from Albion will be car pooling with her. Not going to stay the night.

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

TOWN FUNDS: \$100,087.70

SEWER OPERATING: \$46,377.10

Carl Castle asked for a motion to pay the claims. Nick Heffner made the motion to pay the claims. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Next town council meeting will be June 11, 2018 at 6:30pm. Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

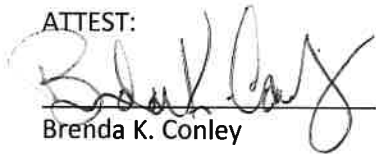
Carl Castle asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 2 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Carl Castle, President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer