

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Furlow called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All member, Gary Furlow, Nick Heffner and Cheryl Clifton present. Also, present, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Conrad White, Paul Hoffman, Jim Sheffield, Carl Grove, Bill Eberhard, Max Weber and Todd Weber

Pledge was said.

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

Old Business:

Property at 611 Jackson

Bill Eberhard stated he has contact real estate companies for this property and is waiting back. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to table this until the March meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Spillman IT

Jim Sheffield explained to the council about the cost of the Spillman Program that we had already paid and now Max Weber, Noble County Sheriff would like the town to contribute to the new IT person to run the Spillman program. Max Weber stated he has received permission to hire an IT person for the Spillman program from the Noble County Council and the Noble County Commissioners. This is a full-time position with insurance and a vehicle. Max is asking the town for \$10,000.00 to be paid in 2 years or longer to help with the cost of this IT position. Gary Furlow asked what would happen in 2 years if we agree to pay this amount Max Weber stated he will not come in front of the council for more money. Gary Furlow stated he read in the paper that Max Weber told the county council that all the other towns and cities are going to help pay for this new position before we were notified. Gary Furlow asked how he came up with the figure of the town paying \$10,000.00. Max Weber stated it was just an easy way to figure out by having a round figure. Max Weber stated he has seen the graph that the town had done on how many times the Spillman program has been using for each entity in Noble County that our Marshal department had done. Todd Weber stated Rome City is not using the program correctly. There is so many more things they can be doing and with the new position that person can come to each department and show them how it can be used. Brenda stated that is already in the contract when the town purchased the program. The town council thanked the Weber's for coming and explaining the program and what they would like the town to contribute. Gary Furlow stated we will have to discuss

this further before a decision can be made. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to table until the March 9, 2020 town council meeting. Nick Heffner made the motion to table. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mowing Bids for the Sewer Plant

Gary Furlow opened the sealed bids for the mowing for 2020 at the sewer plant. Noble County Lawn Care, per mowing \$250.00 Trimming and weed eating for steep slopes \$120.00, Martin Mowing Service, mowing \$250.00, trimming \$300.00, J/S Lawn Care mowing \$275.00 trimming \$175.00 and Green Season Lawn Care mowing \$500.00, trimming \$250.00. Leigh stated we had J/S Lawn Care mowing for the 2019 year. Carl Grove stated he had Noble County Lawn Care mow his personal yard last year and he was happy with them. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept Noble County Lawn Care for mowing the sewer plant for 2020. Nick Heffner second the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY SCHOOL ASKING FOR DONATION FOR CARNIVAL

Brenda Conley presented the letter from the school asking for help with the carnival on March 13, 2020. Gary Furlow said in the past we gave them 5 cases of pop because that is what they needed. Brenda stated she will call the principal to double check but in the past that is what was needed. Gary Furlow asked for a motion. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to get 5 cases of pop for the school carnival. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Leigh Pranger presented the council for there approval of the town board appointments. Plan Commission, Tom Dukehart expires 1-1-2024, BZA Christine Coe expires 1-1-2024, Park Board John Martin expires 1-1-2024 and Redevelopment for 1 year, Brenda Conley, Leigh Pranger, Randy Pippenger, Dan Beall, Gary Furlow and Jeff Cybulske. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to approve these appointments. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to approve. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

PURCHASE ORDER POLICY

Brenda Conley stated the town purchase order policy was done in 1988 and was required that anything \$100.00 or over requires a purchase order. Brenda stated after talking to the state board of accounts that are auditing the town right now that a new policy should be approved with a much higher amount. Gary Furlow read the policy which states the new amount will be \$5000.00 or higher will require a purchase order. Gary asked if this means they can spend what ever they want without permission. Brenda stated no they will always have to ask for permission and the council must approve every purchase. Gary Furlow asked for a motlon to accept the pollycy. Nick Heffner made the motion to accept the policy for \$5000.00. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ARC AND REDEVELOPMENT MEETING

Gary Furlow stated the meeting on January 18, 2020 brought in a lot of new ideas for several people that attended for how to revitalize the town. Gaff Park was one of the biggest areas, with the trails coming into the park, that people would like to see improve. Next meeting is February 15, 2020 at 8:00 am, Rome City Town Hall.

PARADE AND BLOCK PARTY

Brenda Conley stated ARC would like to do the parade on August 8, 2020 at 4:00pm with the block party at the town hall starting at 1:30pm. Brenda will let the marshal and town council know about the details when they are available. Gary Furlow asked for a motion to have the parade and block party on August 8, 2020. Cheryl Clifton made the motion to accept the date. Nick Heffner seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

PERMISSION TO START NEW FUNDS

Brenda Conley stated the state board of account is suggesting having different funds for the investments that I have. That is why a motion is needed to approve new funds for the investments.

Gary Furlow asked for a motion on the new funds. Nick Heffner made the motion. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

SEWER PLANT

Bill Eberhard stated the report from CommonWealth is like they want to install cement lagoon and we have no problems with our lagoon system now. Gary Furlow stated we need a meeting just to talk about this report CommonWealth gave us before we can make any decisions on what to do. Conrad White stated everything is working perfect right now. Leigh will send some dates to the town council to see when a good time for a meeting would be.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Town Manager: (see attached)

Leigh presented 2 cost for a new station that made need to be placed at Gaff Park and a property on North Shore Drive. Leigh asked Bill if the town needs to pay for the station and lines to the station for the property on North Shore. Bill stated the town pays for only the station; the property owners must pay for the line from there house to the station. Leigh will get back with the council about this later.

STREET AND WASTEWATER REPORTS: (see attached)

TOWN MARSHAL: (see attached)

CLAIMS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

Town Funds: \$135,055.99

Sewer Operating: \$54,988.08

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

Next town council meeting March 9, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN 46784

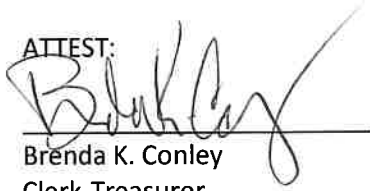
Gary Furlow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Nick Heffner made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl Clifton seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL



Nick Heffner, Vice-President

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Conley
Clerk-Treasurer