

**MINUTES**  
**ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**August 12, 2024**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**ROME CITY TOWN HALL**  
**402 KELLY STREET**  
**ROME CITY, IN 46784**

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein, Cheryl Clifton. Also present Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman, Scott Neukom and attorney Bill Eberhard. See also sign in sheet.

Pledge was said.

Kirk Klein asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Nothing on the agenda.

**New Business**

**Doug Malley Park Board Resignation:** Leigh informed the Council of receiving Doug Malley's resignation letter, however, it was not signed. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to accept Doug Malley's resignation. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Connie Munson, Grate Properties Trailer Court, Late Fee Complaint:** Heidi informed the Council that Connie had called in and complained regarding a late fee that she had received. Heidi further explained that the late fee notice is on the payment stubs. Connie Munson did not attend the meeting.

**Heather Green, Principal Rome City Elementary School requested an ordinance to close Jefferson Street for recess and school activities. Amended Ordinance 2024-07 to Close Jefferson Street During School Hours:** Attorney Eberhard spoke about the ordinance and the ability for the school to close the road during school functions. Marshal Hoffman spoke about the ordinance and the fact the school has been doing this for many years using a sign. The school would like to install a breakaway chain to keep vehicles out of the area. Marshal Hoffman found we do not have an ordinance to allow the closure. This ordinance will allow the continued closure of the street. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-07. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Sherry Hazlett would like a Stop sign located at the north intersection of Washington and Herriman Street:** The intersection is currently a three-way stop, adding a stop to the north intersection would make it a four-way stop. Paul, the Council and Bill all discussed the reasoning for not having a stop sign at that location. The intersection is located at the top of a hill and would be unsafe to stop during bad

weather. Children should be using the sidewalks and appropriate designated crosswalk areas located on Front and Martin Streets.

**Mary Bruce requested payment of invoice on tree clean up.** A tree fell across the road during a storm on Friday in July. The street department pushed the tree off the road and planned to come back to remove the tree the following week. Mrs. Bruce informed the Council she contacted Town Hall about the tree, and no one returned her call about who would be responsible for removing the tree, so she had her lawn service remove the tree and would like to be reimbursed for the cost. Manager Pranger stated there was miscommunication about who was responsible for removing the tree and requested the Council reimburse Mrs. Bruce. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to make the reimbursement. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Bike Trail Change Order:** Natalie Schelling with Commonwealth explained the Change Order. There will be reimbursement for the charges of the survey issues. Discussion about the next Pulver Asphalt payment. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to accept the Change Order and to pay Pulver Asphalt. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Workers Compensation Premium:** Heidi explained that she met with Jarrod Ramer of Black and Ramer to discuss this year's Workers Compensation Premium. This year there has been an increase in the payment. Next year the payment should decrease by approximately half. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the premium. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**BBC Pumps:** Heidi informed the Council of the invoice that was received from BBC Pumps for \$20,422.50. Heidi also stated that the sewer funds were getting low and requested to have approval to transfer this cost out of the Sewer Money Market account into the sewer account to make this payment. Bill requested that we need to have another rate study completed to know where we stand and what we need to do to have a plan going forward with rate increases. Bill also advised that we need to also have engineers come out and look at the plant and our system to assess what needs to be done to get and keep the sewer system properly running. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to move the money from the Money Market to the sewer account. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Cheryl Clifton refused to sign the fund reports stating that she believes Heidi has misappropriated money. Cheryl asked for Heidi's resignation. Heidi declined.

Leigh would like to put weight limit signs on roads where semi-trucks should not be driving down and create an ordinance. Leigh also discussed the Central Ave easement where the trees are infringing on other properties and should be cut down. Bill suggested that the trees be looked at to see how to cut them down. This will be discussed at the September 9th meeting.


Paul discussed the Frontline Safety Module that he would like to implement next year. The cost of the modules is \$200 each. Paul also would like to request a new vehicle for 2026.

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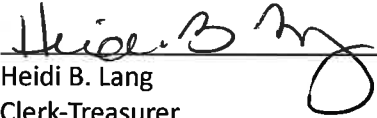
Next Town Council meeting September 9 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

Kirk Klein asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Nick Heifner, President

ATTEST:

  
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Heidi B. Lang  
Clerk-Treasurer