

**MINUTES**  
**ROME CITY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2024**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**ROME CITY TOWN HALL**  
**402 KELLY STREET**  
**ROME CITY, IN 46784**

Nick Heffner called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm. Members present Nick Heffner, Kirk Klein, Cheryl Clifton. Also present Leigh Pranger, Heidi Lang, Paul Hoffman, Scott Neukom, Daniel Rinehart and attorney Dustin Glick. See also sign in sheet.

Pledge was said.

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

**Old Business**

Sewer Rate Increase Public Hearing – Dustin Glick and the Council discussed with the public attendees the need to raise the sewer rate and why we are raising it \$10.00 effective January 1, 2025. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-08 Fixing the Schedule of Rates and Charges to be Collected by the Town of Rome City, Indiana, from the Owners of Property Served by the Sewage Works of said Town, and other matters connected therewith. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**November Town Council Meeting:** The November Town Council Meeting will be held November 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Rome City Town Hall.

**George Cox - Leaves:** George Cox's son Micheal Cox appeared on his father's behalf. Micheal asked the Council if the leaves on his father's property could be picked up by the Town or where he could put the leaves from the property to be picked up by the Town. Dustin Glick and the Council advised that the Town's equipment is too large to fit down the driveway and is not permitted to remove leaves from private properties. The Town also cannot give permission to put the leaves on another's property for removal.

**Donna Brinkman - Cats:** Donna was not present at the meeting.

**Leaf Pick-Up Schedule:** Town Proper 1<sup>st</sup> Pick-Up October 30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pick-Up November 15-18, South Side of Sylvan Lake 1<sup>st</sup> Pick-Up November 4-7, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pick-Up November 19-22, North Side of Sylvan Lake November 8-14, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pick-Up November 25-27

**Purchase of Kalida Salt Spreader \$27,000.00:** Leigh presented the quote for the Kalida Salt Spreader. Scott explained how the salt spreader will work with the new trucks. Heidi informed the Council that there are funds available in the Equipment and Street Department Maintenance appropriations to cover the cost of the salt spreader. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the Kalida Salt Spreader. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Purchase of 10 Grinder Pumps \$20,400.50 or 27 pumps \$49,626 BBC Pumps:** Leigh presented the quote from BBC pumps. Scott informed the Council that we have one pump on hand, but have stations that will need to have new pumps installed. Heidi informed the Council that we do have funds in the CEDIT fund to cover the cost of the pumps. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the pumps. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**WMI Furnace Police Office \$15,398:** Leigh presented the quote for the new furnace that would control Leigh's office and the Marshal's office. The current unit is not working and cannot be repaired due to the control panel being glued to the unit during a prior fix. Heidi informed the Council that there are funds in the Building Repairs and Maintenance appropriations to cover the cost of the unit. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the new unit. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Paul discussed inquiring about the Flock Camera System. It is a license plate reading system that can be used by multiple agencies that have the system. It is \$3,000.00 per year and could be covered by LIT funds. Flock will maintain and update the system. Cheryl Clifton asked for a motion to approve to have the Flock Camera System installed. Kirk Klein seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Leigh provided an update on the Trail Project and stated that the project is complete. Leigh asked if we would like to do a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 26 with a time to be determined.

Kirk Klein asked for a motion to approve payment of the town and sewer bills. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.


Next Town Council meeting October 21 at 6:30pm, Rome City Town Hall, 402 Kelly Street, Rome City, IN

Kirk Klein asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41. Cheryl Clifton seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

ROME CITY TOWN HALL

  
Nick Heffner, President

ATTEST:

  
Heidi B. Lang  
Clerk-Treasurer