

CITY OF ROSE CREEK

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Regular Council Meeting April 7, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of Rose Creek was held, Monday, April 7, 2025, with the following present: Mayor Andrew Leisen, Council Members: Andrew Felten, Mark Conradt, Wendel Sprung, City Clerk/Treasurer Kristine Allas, and absent: Public Works/Maintenance Aaron Wagner. There were approximately 15 guests/residents in attendance.

Mayor Andrew Leisen opened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council Member Andrew Felten made the motion to approve the Agenda with tree trimming and street sign added to the Public Works Report, Council Member Mark Conradt seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to approve the March 3, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Council Member Andrew Felten seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen. Council Member Wendel Sprung explained that he had correspondence from Attorney Sam Ketchum regarding correction of the October 16, 2024 Minutes. Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to correct the October 16, 2024 Minutes as presented in the packet, “Council Member Tom Lewison amended his motion to also include an offer to the City Clerk/Treasurer to receive the \$2.00/hour health stipend, Council Member Mark Conradt seconded the Amendment and approved by Mayor Bobbie Greenlee” Council Member Mark Conradt seconded and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Andrew Forliti of Smith Schafer presented the findings of the 2024 City of Rose Creek Audit. Tax Levy is more due to increasing costs; Rose Creek has 145% set aside for reserves.

Angie Lipelt of Mower County Environmental Services presented the Council with the cannabis law going into effect soon – the City can either go on their own for zoning and enforcement or joint the Mower County Joint Powers Agreement. Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to join with Mower County for the Joint Powers Agreement regarding cannabis, Council Member Mark Conradt seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen. Ms. Lipelt will send the City’s copy of the agreement after the County Commissioners approve it.

Citizen’s Concerns: None.

Old Business:

MN DOT: Mayor Andrew Leisen presented a quick update of the signs/warnings Hwy 56 through Rose Creek. He will continue to work with MN DOT David Seng.

Patti Conradt spoke of Farmers Market 2025 June 3 – September 30 on Main Street with food vendors. She requested that the City shut Main Street down for traffic, it is the County’s call on that, so Patti will contact the Mower County Highway Department. She also requested permission for a porta potty between Heidi’s Corner and Ulven Outdoor Power, Council Member Andrew Felten made the motion to approve Farmer’s Market with a porta potty and the City of Rose Creek pay for it for the summer, and if rained out, the use of City Hall, Council Member Wendel Sprung seconded, and the motion passed by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Rick Bottema requested the City to take down the dead ash tree near his property. Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion for Public Works Aaron Wagner to research where the tree is exactly, TBD if on the City’s property or Nexus Cooperative property, and if it is the City’s property, the City takes the responsibility to drop it, and Mr. Bottema will take the wood and clean it up, Council Member Mark Conradt seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Creek Club Report: Kretta Menuey presented the report; Spring Fling/Easter Bunny at the Rose Creek Wayside Park April 12th, and Rose Creek Days is in the planning stages. The Creek Club could always use more volunteers to help with these events. She requested 12 traffic cones and 8 A-frame barricades, Council Member Mark Conradt made the motion to approve, and the City purchases them, and the Creek Club will reimburse the City, Council Member Andrew Felten seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen. The Creek Club requested that the City Clerk contact Mower County for the Main Street be shut down during the fireman's water fight and car show (Friday & Saturday).

Aaron Wagner gave the Public Works/Maintenance Report. Dust Control for the roads. Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to approve and purchase dust control for Thills Addition and the Wayside Park Drive, Council Member Andrew Felten seconded, and approve by Mayor Andrew Leisen. He is working on quotes for the City Hall/Fire Department roof, and for the City roads, sealcoat, etc. Aaron requested to call for bids to take down some dead trees in the park, and limbs hanging over, Council asked him to produce a list of the trees in park and around town. He reported he had a few trainings, and backflow training offered a few service to make sure we are compliant. Bustad will be coming to repair the hydrant on 1st St E, the whole town will need to be shutdown, and dig it up, and move back 3' to 4' in the yard. A downtown siren is repaired, and Clerk Allas is obtaining a quote for a new siren. Council Member Andrew Felten asked about updating street signs around town due to fading and maintenance.

Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to approve 2 laptops (Public Works/Maintenance Aaron Wagner, City Clerk/Treasurer Kristine Allas) from the gambling tax fund purchased from Simplified Technology for \$1,531.98, Council Member Mark Conradt seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Scenic Signs for the outside of Rose Creek on Highway 56, it was the consensus of the Council to contact Daryl Kirtz and let him know we are not interested at this time.

New Business:

Council Member Wendel Sprung requested permission for BINGO at the park, Council Member Mark Conradt made the motion to request the Council approve the Resolution for the Rose Creek Fire Department to hold BINGO during the Rose Creek Fund Days 2025 July 12, 2025, Council Member Andrew Felten second.

Roll Call:

Council Member Mark Conradt: Yes

Council Member Wendel Sprung Yes

Council Member Andrew Felten: Yes

Mayor Andrew Leisen: Yes

Yea: 4 No: 0

Council Seat is empty currently.

Mayor Andrew Leisen presented his research for water rates around Rose Creek. He had requested from at least 46 Cities and asked the Council to please take the copy the City Clerk Kristine Allas printed off and review for future meetings.

Council Member Andrew Felten made the motion to approve a \$250 donation/contribution to the Ag Society/Mower County Fair, Council Member Wendel Sprung seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to approve and pay all Invoices/Claims/Payroll, Council Member Andrew Felten seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

The council canvass the votes meeting will be held April 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Mark Conradt made the motion to adjourn, Council Member Wendel Sprung seconded and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine M Allas, City Clerk/Treasurer