

CITY OF ROSE CREEK

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Regular Council Meeting August 4, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of Rose Creek was held, Monday, August 4, 2025, with the following present: Mayor Andrew Leisen, Council Members: Andrew Felten, Mark Conradt, Wendel Sprung, Tom Lewison, City Clerk/Treasurer Allas, Public Works/Maintenance Aaron Wagner. There were approximately 10 guests/residents in attendance.

Mayor Andrew Leisen opened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:00 p.m. and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Andrew Felten made the motion to approve the Minutes of July 7, 2025, Council Member Wendel Sprung seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Council Member Mark Conradt made the motion to approve the Agenda as written, Council Member Tom Lewison seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

New Business:

The Council invited Richard Bottema and Eric Wiste, representative of Nexus, to the meeting to discuss the sale of property #30.950.0100 owned by the City of Rose Creek with EMV \$200. Property is behind Bottema and around the Nexus south shop. Before the discussion began, City Clerk/Treasurer Allas read what Attorney Sam Ketchum stated. No decision will be made this evening, only discussion with both parties. It is a simple process – hire an appraiser of land value. Council notified City Attorney Ketchum to draw up a purchase agreement that outlines terms. Hire a title company to close and the costs would be the survey, title/deed closing, and may need administrative lot split sale process. Tract A survey invoice \$1,086.50. Tract B survey invoice \$387.50. Ryan Mullenbach for Nexus stated, “they company does not want it nor want to spend anything on it, we’ve had it for over 50 years with the bins and such there, no Nexus does not want it, unless it is given to them.” Richard Bottema stated he would pay the \$1,086.50 survey invoice and legal expense and title company plus \$1.00. Council will contact the City Attorney, and we will get back to Mr. Bottema.

Permits: -Josh Vogt has put in a parking spot with rock (camper trailer has been sitting on the grass to be off the road) and will use it as parking for it. Council Member Tom Lewison made the motion to table until Mr. Vogt has spoken with Mower County (with it being so close to MCH #19 – 1st Street), Council Member Mark Conradt seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

-Chris Bergan has applied for an addition to his garage 30 X 30 with only access from his garage. Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to approve the construction of the addition and Council Member Tom Lewison seconded the motion and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

-Alex/Megan Padilla applied for a deck permit 6’ X 8’ X 5’, northside of their home. Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to approve the deck, and Council Member Mark Conradt seconded the motion and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

-Mitch Hegge applied for a privacy fence around his pool. Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to approve the fence permit, and Council Member Andrew Felten seconded the motion, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Council Member Tom Lewison stated that the City sidewalk in front of City Hall is wearing badly, I am asking to put it on the Wishlist for next year when we work on the 2026 budget. City Storm Sewer is not taking the water, Heidi’s Corner basement had 11” from the big rain 4” in an hour a couple of weeks ago; due to the outlet by the park is collapsing and not taking the water from main street. A representative of Mower County Highway is coming to Heidi’s Corner Friday and Aaron Wagner and Council Member Tom Lewison will be at the meeting with Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Old Business:

Creek Club Report: Kretta Menuey stated Rose Creek Fun Days was a success; the only problem was the vendors requested confirmation for greater electricity by the tennis courts for the band and inflatables during Rose Creek Fun Days. She requested that more people know how to shut the lights off after the band at night. She requested different garbage bags for the trash cans. Creek Club discussed a Welcome Basket or even maybe magnets with business and phone numbers and other resources. Spooktacular is planned for October 18, 2025, and need someone to for volunteer to coordinate and head up the Haunted Trail. December 13 is when Santa is coming to town, with December 20 as a weather date.

Public Works/Maintenance Aaron Wagner stated how we had just received the email/letter from Chris Otto, claims adjuster for LMCIT and that with the engineer's report, they sent a letter of Disclaimer of Coverage due to installer error and not wind damage, and they are not paying anything on the roof. Maverick representative Matt McMahan presented their estimate of \$162,857.87 to replace the whole roof, bracing, purlins to reattach, and rafters and such due to the water damage, in both the Fire Department building and City Hall. The consensus of the Council was to contact Curt Sheely, our local agent for LMCIT to appeal this decision and ask for a different adjuster. Trees were taken down by Conradt Tree Service on Highway 56, and Aaron would like to replace them with fast growing trees that will not fall over, and that are acceptable to the MN DOT, Council Member Tom Lewison will obtain quotes for trees. Council Member Tom Lewison stated that we need to think of a new mower and trade the Hustler in with Ulven Power Sports while it has good trade value. Aaron stated that Rural Water wants the City of Rose Creek to complete Asset Management Plans and will assist this fall in completing that. Aaron asked the Council if they wanted the City Hall/Fire Dept parking lot to be crack filled and chip seal this fall? And also repair the City Hall sidewalk? This will go on the wish list for next year. Mower County Denny Z is ready to order the new street signs as soon as city staff has confirmed the quantity (Railway Street needs to have Weight Restrictions). Fogging the streets were discussed again but it stands as a No per the motion that passed previously.

Mayor Andrew Leisen reported that City Clerk/Treasurer Allas has been working with Bolten & Menk to process paperwork for the loan/grant application. Mayor Andrew Leisen stated that he had received an email from MN DOT, and they are coordinating their budget and hoping to install the signs and such before winter. The Mayor will also ask about the trees that the City wants to plant by Hwy 56, for suggestions of what kind of trees.

Mayor Andrew Leisen asked the Council to schedule meetings: Regular Employee Review, and Council Member Wendel Sprung stated that it is usually done in January each year. Budget work session.

Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to approve invoices/claims, and payroll, Council Member Mark Conradt seconded and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Council Member Mark Conradt made the motion to enter closed session 7:26 to discuss personnel issues, Council Member Tom Lewison seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine M Allas, City Clerk/Treasurer