

CITY OF ROSE CREEK

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Regular Council Meeting March 3, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of Rose Creek was held, Monday, March 3, 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 13 guests/residents in attendance.

Mayor Andrew Leisen opened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:01 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council Member Mark Conradt made the motion to approve the Agenda as printed, Council Member Andrew Felten seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Council Member Mark Conradt made a motion to approve the Minutes February 3, 2025, with correction of taking “former” out of paragraph 1, Council Member Andrew Felten seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Mayor Andrew Leisen read a statement prepared by City Attorney Sam Ketchum regarding the Special Election:

“As Mayor of Rose Creek, I’d like to note that the City will be holding a special election on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. The special election will fill a vacancy for the city council seat previously held by Councilmember Bobbie Greenlee. The term for the council seat expires in January 2027. The election will be held by mail ballot voting and administered by the Mower County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office. A notice describing the procedures for the vote is included in tonight’s council meeting packet. (documents attached: statement from Attorney Ketchum, and Notification of Special Election, Notice of Special Election to fill Council Member seat expiring January 2027, and Special Election).”

Citizen’s Concerns: Sheryl Taylor spoke of estimated expenditures regarding the attorney fees that the City has been paying since May 2021, and she handed out copies of documents she had prepared herself. Nothing was discussed. Wendy Nelson asked to speak and stated that someone printed up a campaign flyer for her and handed it out, without her permission, authorization, and because they had her job as Postmaster, and with the Hatch Act, Wendy Nelson expressed she may lose her postal position. There was discussion but no decision of any kind, except that the City has no responsibility, at this time, for it.

Old Business:

MN DOT: Mayor Andrew Leisen spoke with David Tsang and summed up what MN DOT sent him (see attached document). Vehicle speed sign, warning signs with flashers, rural intersection conflict warning system, vegetation along the ditches. Council Member Andrew Felten wants to add the flashers and have the sign moved back, digital lighted sign? Council Member Wendel Sprung stated he would rather have flashing light signs, and Mayor Andrew Leisen stated that Mr. Tsang gave him the TAPCO traffic signs and price the flashing signs and see what happens. Council Member Mark Conradt stated he agreed, but not the vegetation, and would like to see flasher & warning signs. City Clerk/Treasurer Allas will research for the April meeting.

Council Member Wendel Sprung asked for confirmation of where the Prairie Visions Chair Marker could be put in. Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to permit Prairie Visions chair to be installed at the corner of County Roads #4 and #19 and be set up on the trail by City Hall, Council Member Andrew Felten seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Creek Club Report: Kretta Menuey requested a liquor license for the year 2025, and the Creek Club pays the liability insurance. April is the Spring Fling April 12th, Rose Creek Days is in the planning stages. The new refrigerator and freezer for the concession stand was delivered. Creek Club purchased a new grill for the concession stand. Council

Member Andrew Felten made the motion to renew the Creek Club's liquor license for a year for \$75.00, Council Member Mark Conradt seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Aaron Wagner was absent as he was at training in St. Cloud and did not give a Public Works/Maintenance Report: Council Member Wendel Sprung stated the Aaron had contacted Charlie Koenigs to repair the lights at City Hall that turn on at the wrong time intervals. After the siren cable/wires have been cut at least 3 times in the last year, Council Member Andrew Felten made the motion to have City Clerk/Treasurer Allas research and seek out a quote on a new siren, Council Member Wendel Sprung seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Council Member Andrew Felten stated that the Mower County Highway Department will be preparing a bid for chip sealing, and he will seek out other quotes. Mayor Andrew Leisen state he would like to ask Bolten & Menk for reimbursement of 4th St with the Blackstone Construction proposal, and he will call Brian Malm of Bolten & Menk to ask for a public forum regarding this.

New Business:

Mayor Andrew Leisen requested to change the city email from cityofrosecreek@gmail.com to separate the clerk, public works, Mayor, and council members. It will improve security, data loss protection, provide separation of personal and governmental communication, scalability, after speaking with SMS Controls; he will look into it more.

Council Member Mark Conradt presented the Simplified Technology Solutions estimate of \$955.99 for 1 laptop, but he suggested to purchase 2 laptops – Council Member Andrew Felten stated Aaron Wagner Public Works/Maintenance should have his own. The consensus of the Council was to ask STS for an estimate with 2 laptops with recording capabilities.

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. City Clerk/Treasurer requested to waive the \$50 late fee to many delinquent accounts for 4th Quarter 2024, due to many reporting that they never received a billing thru the mail; Council Member Andrew Felten made the motion to waive the late fees for the water/wastewater billing for 4th Quarter 2024 only, Council Member Mark Conradt seconded the motion, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Mayor Andrew Leisen adjourned and dismissed all at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine M Allas, City Clerk/Treasurer