

CITY OF ROSE CREEK

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Regular Council Meeting September 3, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of Rose Creek was held, Wednesday, September 3, 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 9 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 Mark Conradt made the motion to approve the Minutes of August 4, 2025, with the correction of Eric Wiste (instead of Ryan Mullenbach) of Nexus, and an extra 0 (in the PID), Council Member Tom Lewison seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Council Member Andrew Felten made the motion to approve the Agenda as written, Council Member Wendel Sprung seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

New Business:

Curt Sheely of Cray Insurance for LMCIT explained that the increase of the workers compensation for the new year has risen \$1,300, but the City received a \$750 rebate from previous year. As far as looking into the roof denial from LMCIT adjuster Chris Otto and engineer Jon Schwegel of Encompass Inc., because the building roof is over 20 years old and has had little maintenance. The findings are accurate, and Mr. Sheely could appeal the decision with Jim Mustrum.

Deputy Pike of Mower County Law Enforcement: discussed with him regarding “lots that need to be cleaned up in the city.” Deputy Pike responded with the City go through their city attorney for abatement letters, and to put the bill on tax tolls (grass mowed, weeds, unlicensed vehicles, and other items). Request of serving papers? Deputy Pike responded that the City needs to go through the Civil Department, and it is \$80 service/or paper. Nuisance property? Deputy Pike responded that a deputy could serve papers after letters have been sent from the City, certified mail, or a \$80 servicing fee. Deputy Pike stated that law enforcement tread lightly on the City’s Ordinances, and they do not enforce them, but they will come and help if needed. The City can always contract with the Mower County Sheriffs Department. Dogs? Deputy Pike responded that the City would need to take care of dogs and follow the ordinance/dangerous dog ordinance.

Mower County official Angie Lipelt sent an email asking the Council to add any suggestion or advice regarding developing a new comprehensive land use plan.

- 1) Over the next 20-25 years do you expect your community to grow beyond the current municipal boundaries? Yes
- 2) Where do you envision this growth to occur and what type of land use do you envision there? 7-10 lots left in the CreekView Addition (east of Hwy 56) and the section behind it 22 lots that are platted but that division has not been started, south side going west? .
- 3) Does your City have a proposed growth plan to share that we can incorporate into our planning process?
- 4) Would you rather meet up with me to look at current maps and talk about these things?

City Clerk/Treasurer Allas explained the MN Department of Health letter notifying the City and its residents of the increase of the water connection fee (is \$9.72 and is be raised to \$15.22) paid per year during 3rd quarter water/sewer charge. This will be posted.

Budget: FY 2025 is \$203,013.38 Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to raise the Levy and Budget by 8% (\$16,241.07), Council Member Tom Lewison seconded, and motion passed.

Part-time position: Council Member Tom Lewison made the motion to post for 20 hours @ \$15.00/hour, and post in the Mower County Shopper & Mower County Independent, Council Member Wendel Sprung seconded and the motion passed.

Mayor Andrew Leisen explained to the Council that our City Attorney Ketchum is encouraging the City to contract with a building inspector in the interim that Aaron Wagner is certified to be the Building Inspector/Official, which then would go through the procedures and steps for approval for a building permit. Attorney Ketchum suggested investigating and adopting the State Building Code. The consensus of the Council was to invite Tanner Young from CMS of Rochester, MN to come to the October meeting. Attorney Ketchum would like the Council to have the City's property appraised before making the deal to sell the City owned by the City, Council Member Tom Lewison will speak with Ryan Mullenbach of Nexus regarding the City property.

Old Business:

Creek Club: Kretta Menuet reported that the Spooktacular is planned for October 18, 2025, and need someone to for volunteer to coordinate and head up the Haunted Trail. Already have the liquor license for it. November 15 Cancer Benefit (have 2 bands), and Christmas in the Creek is set for December 13 is when Santa is coming to town, with December 20 as a weather date. The Club is working on the magnet presentation; Farmers Market continues thru September 30.

Public Works/Maintenance Aaron Wagner reported he has estimates for the roof coming by October 1st. Parking lot estimates by October 1st. Hustler needs to be traded while the value is still good, Aaron will take it to Ulven's after cleaning it up in October. He presented information for a Dept of Commerce Grant for solar panels on public buildings, nothing decided. Lift station generator (Oliver engine) is still acting up. Highway 56 ditch cleanout – DOT to repair and go all the way to the creek with the surface intake and DOT recommended Aaron to mow to the river. Other side of Hwy 56: Eric Boe came in and cleaned part of it, spot by willow tree with rip rap and makes no water flow. For the south line of bike trail side to park, Aaron spoke with Mower County Bob Jax, and this is not County responsibility. The Drains are good – unable to keep up South line of bike trail from south 3rd & 4th St, and the water is running full. Mower County Highway Dept meeting with Aaron and Mayor Leisen and the Mower County will meet the City ½ way and go the whole way on north side of bike trail from 3rd & 4th St to park. The County will pay ½ the cleaning, videoing for that entire line from 3rd St/Main St to park. Council Member Wendel Sprung asked Aaron to check with MN DNR regarding the area by the creek (DNR owns the embankment?). Concrete work: Recycling Center pad: have the curb lifted out, and take gutter out, extend cement pad with asphalt? Aaron will contact Tony Martin of Blackstone. Stealth Concrete gave a quote for curb/gutter: #1 repair on 4th St. Council Member Tom Lewison made the motion to approve Stealth Concrete to repair and 14' X \$80.00 is \$1,120.00 50/50 (\$560.00 Mergen's, City \$560.00 plus removal), Council Member Wendel Sprung seconded and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen. Stealth Concrete gave a quote for curb/gutter: #2 repair of city property at Oak St: Council Member Mark Conratt made the motion to repair curb/gutter on Oak St at the 101 1st St SE address; 23' X \$80 = \$1,840.00 and add \$400 for removal and total of \$2,240.00, Council Member Tom Lewison seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen. City Hall Parking Lot: should we sealcoat this year? It was the consensus of the Council for Aaron Wagner to obtain estimates for sealcoat but crack fill with first.

Mayor Andrew Leisen reported nothing new from MN DOT.

Invoices/Finances: Council Member Wendel Sprung made the motion to approve the invoices/claims/payroll, Council Member Andrew Felten seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Mail/Announcements: City Clerk/Treasurer training in Roseville 9/11-12; Water/Wastewater Training for Aaron 9/23-25

Mayor/Acting Mayor/Council Member Roles & Responsibilities: Mayor Andrew Leisen requested access to electronic accounts, discussion from the Council that information can be obtained by asking the City Clerk/Treasurer, nothing decided. Mayor Andrew Leisen asked for a key to the city office; Mayor Andrew Leisen made the motion to allow the Mayor to have a key to the city office, motion failed.

Council Member Mark Conratt made the motion to adjourn at 8:28 P.M., Council Member Wendel Sprung seconded, and approved by Mayor Andrew Leisen.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine M Allas, City Clerk/Treasurer