

CITY OF ROSE CREEK

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Regular Council Meeting September 4, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the City Council of Rose Creek was held, Monday, September 4, 2024, with the following present: Mayor Barbara Greenlee, Council Members: Andrew Felten, Mark Conradt, Wendel Sprung, Tom Lewison, City Clerk/Treasurer Kristine Allas.

Mayor Greenlee opened the regular meeting of the City Council at 5:45 p.m. and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Felten made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of lawn spraying, and Council Member Lewison seconded, and approved by Mayor Greenlee.

Council Member Lewison made a motion to accept the Minutes with the misspellings of 2 names and remove the sentence “to send a certified letter explaining it” to Mergens, Council Member Conradt seconded, and approved by Mayor Greenlee.

Brian Malm of Bolten & Menk engineers gave an update to the City Council regarding the loans/grants approval for the infrastructure and what was in the preliminary engineering report (5.1 million for wastewater improvements: rehabilitate stabilization ponds, lift station, and the overall collection system; 9.4 million for water: drilling new well, wellhouse, well #2 improvements, pipe to distribute). This may need to be broken into several different projects and are waiting on USDA/Rural Development & State of Minnesota to examine the paperwork, waiting for the bonding bill 2025, and notify those who are on the top of the PPL (project priority list). However, the grant from MDH for the water service inventory is completed and has met the standard; Bolten & Menk are developing a FAQ before those that have lead get the “scary letter” stating for the resident/business to comply. A resident asked Mr. Malm about the fence at the water tower, and if it has to be 9’ tall with barbwire, he stated there are reasons for the city to be sure the water tower property is secured and to prevent access to the water system, it’s a choice for the city; Council Member Lewison stated it is to secure the water tower and so no one crawls up and falls off of it, and to secure the water system and this is what the Council decided to do after speaking with APEX fencing whom puts up all kinds of these fences.

Mike Stark spoke of the black walnut trees that need to come down around town, and from his neighbors. The Council listened to him but decided not to make a decision on that issue at this time.

Kurt/Kya Zahradnik are requesting a fence permit for the back of their yard where the stakes are shown on the Rolling Greens Fencing quote; Council Member Sprung asked for a better diagram and to be sure their neighboring property owners are okay with, and to approve it when they bring in a better drawing, Council Member Felten seconded the motion, and approved by Mayor Greenlee.

Storm damage insurance claim on the park storage shed hole: insurance is waiting for the invoice from John Wolterman to be emailed to LMCIT.

Tony Martin of Blackstone Construction gave a quote street patching 2nd St SE – 388 sq ft for \$2,328; option (A) 2nd St SE with additional skin patching 1637 sq ft for \$3,274; option (B) 2nd St SE street overlay 11220 sq ft for \$18,513; Ash St 14 X 9 street patch 126 sq ft for \$756. Council Member Lewison made the motion to accept and approve Option (B) \$18,513 and the patching of 2nd St \$2,328, and Ash St patching \$756, Council Member Felten seconded and approved by Mayor Greenlee, Council Member Lewison will contact Tony.

Council Member Lewison made the motion to approve Jason Weis to back fill by the recycling center cement slab, Council Member Conradt seconded, and approved by Mayor Greenlee.

Council Member Conradt made the motion to approve Council Member Felten to spray for weeds with the budget of \$2,400, Council Member Lewison seconded the motion, and Mayor Greenlee approved.

Council Member Lewison brought up to the Council to investigate a window in the door for the office, to do business with the City. It was the consensus of the Council for him to research it.

Budget: Council Member Felten asked if with the city fulltime wage/streets, the budget could be raised. Council Member Lewison made the motion to raise the budget 8% (approximately \$15,000) to cover the repairs and improvements under the street budget, Council Member Felten seconded, and the motion was approved by Mayor Greenlee.

Kretta Menuey gave the report of the Creek Club: Door of concession stand, Council Member Lewison stated it is on its way with JD Driver. Would like a refrigerator with a bottom freezer, Kretta was asked to obtain a quote (Creek Club pay ½ & City pay ½?). Halloween Spooktacular is October 19 – and Creek Club needs Volunteers. Cancer Benefit is set for November 16 with 3 or 4 bands throughout the time with games, and food. Santa will be here December 14 and Christmas Caroling with wagon and gifts for the shut-ins, and Christmas Party afterwards. Next meeting is Monday, September 23 at 6:05 pm.

Council Member Sprung made the motion for City Clerk Allas to call the County regarding Jax property to “flip flop” with the City, Council Member Lewison seconded and approved by Mayor Greenlee.

Public Works/Maintenance Position: there are 4 applicants, and the consensus of the Council is for the benefits to be worked out and decided what to offer, before interviewing. Council Member Lewison went thru information as background checks, life insurance, PERA, medical/vacation/PTO (48 hours a year thru the ESST law), 2 weeks of vacation. Tabled.

Council Member Sprung made the motion to approve and pay all Invoices/Claims/Payroll, Council Member Lewison seconded, and approved by Mayor Greenlee.

Council Member Lewison made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:03 pm, Council Member Conradt seconded and approved by Mayor Greenlee.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine M Allas, City Clerk/Treasurer

