

New Council Members Gear Up For The New Year



MAYOR JOE TILLMAN
Joe Tillmas started on the Rothsay City Council in January of 2016. He has been in the role of acting mayor for the last six months.
Tillman is a business and technology consultant for Eide Bailly in Fargo, ND. He has been with them for the past seven and a half years. Eide Bailly is a top 25 tax, audit and professional services firm.
Joe and his wife, Lori, have been married for 15 years and have three daughters, Madison, 13, McKenzie 10, and Macy eight. Tillman has been involved in a handful of clubs and committees since moving to the Rothsay area, including the Rothsay Booster Club, Rothsay EDA, Rothsay School Technology Committee and others.
The family moved to Rothsay seven and a half years ago, moving into town five and a half years ago.
Hobbies and interests include watching his kids compete in their many sports teams and school activities. Tillman also enjoys hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities.



DARYL SCHLEETER
Daryl Dean Schleeter is 35 and has lived in Rothsay since 1991. He graduated from Rothsay Public Schools in 2002.
Schleeter has worked for J.C.S., a carwash service company since 2012.
Since September 2015, Schleeter has been a member of Rothsay Volunteer Fire Department.
He is also a member of the Town and County Club of Rothsay.
Schleeter and his wife, Shauna and have a son Eli who is five.
When he has free time Schleeter enjoys hunting, fishing, and being in the outdoors.



TULSA-LEIGH KUGLER
This is the first time on the city council for Kugler. She was elected for a two year term.
Kugler is the Environmental Service and Linen Director at Lake Region Healthcare. She has been employed there for the last three years.
Her husband, Jeff Kugler, works at Cargill in Wahpeton. Tulsa-Leigh has two step-children, Justin, 13, an eighth grader in Rothsay and Emma, eight is in third grade in Fergus Falls.
Kugler is a member of Rothsay Prairie Chix and the Rothsay Booster Club.
She is a 1999 graduate of Rothsay. Kugler moved to Sioux Falls, for six years and then back to Rothsay five years ago. She is the daughter of Todd Ouse and granddaughter of Clifford Ouse.
Kugler loves to cook. The whole family loves to go camping in the summer and the couple travel to Mexico with friends in the winter. Kuglers attend any and all concerts they can, country, classic rock, they enjoy them all.



DARREL "TOLLY" TOLLEFSON
Tollefson has served the past four years on the Rothsay City Council
Tollefson has worked as a truck driver for Dedicated Logistics since 1990.
Tolly and his wife, Connie, together have six children and 12 grandchildren
Tollefson is a member of the Rothsay Lions. He is proud of their recent accomplishment of building a new playground system in the city park.
The Tollefsons moved to Rothsay in 2004.
In his spare time Tolly likes spending as much time as possible with family. He enjoys taking his grandson, Eli, to the park and kids craft building day at Home Depot.



LESLIE NELSON
This will be the first year on the Rothsay City Council for Leslie Nelson.
Nelson a renewable product relocation specialist for the City of West Fargo.
Leslie and his wife, Angie have three kids. They are Cody and daughter in law Samantha, Danielle and Tyler, 12.
The couple has two grandkids Lakelyn, three and Adalyn, one.
Nelson says, "and last but not least three knuckle head dogs."
His involvement in other groups is varied. Nelson is a US Army Veteran, a master Mason, a retired lieutenant with the Fergus Falls Fire Department and past state honor guard commander with the Minnesota Fallen Firefighters Association
Nelson is also past board president and emcee of the Dough for Joe memorial bike rally and fundraiser, a past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #1093, and assistant football and basketball coach with Rothsay boys youth. Nelson also volunteers with several local charity events.
Nelson has lived in Rothsay for the past three and a half years.
An avid motorcycle rider, Nelson also enjoys shooting sports, spending time with family and friends and local sports.



Rothsay City Council members were sworn in prior to their meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019. City Clerk Lisa Zimmerman, far left, performed the duties. Left to right pledging to do their best to carry out their council duties are Mayor Joe Tillman, Darrell (Tolly) Tollefson, Leslie Nelson, Tulsa-Leigh Kugler and Daryl Schleeter. Following the short ceremony the new city council was called to order for their first monthly meeting.

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