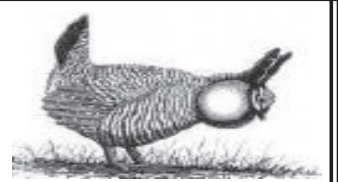


City Of Rothsay Council Minutes...



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ROTHSAY CITY HALL
APPROVED MINUTES
August 2nd, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Mayor Joseph Tillman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Call to Order: The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Joseph Tillman at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present Shane Balken, Nathan Ziegler, Chris Buckingham, and Dana Holland Jr. Others present: Amanda Kuschel, Jordan Barry, Heather Weber, Jim Boyce, Dean Birkeland, and Darrell Tollefson.

2.0 Public Forum: No Public Forum

3.0 Approval of Agenda: One addition; A MOTION was made by Ziegler, seconded by Holland to approve the agenda. Carried

4.0 Approval of July Special Meeting Minutes: A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Balken. Carried.

5.0 Review & Approve Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable: Separate reports by funds.

5.1 Receipts Approval for July: A MOTION to approve was made by Balken, seconded by Holland. Carried.

5.2 Disbursements Approval for July: A MOTION to approve was made by Buckingham, seconded by Balken. Carried.

5.3 Claims Approval for August: A MOTION to approve was made by Balken, seconded by Holland. Carried.

6.0 Committee Reports:

6.1 Technology-Buckingham:

- New copier lease with Loffler; install timeline to be determined.
- Office365 licensing was removed with Loffler. Licensing changed to give all council Business Basic for One Drive and Office Apps. Set the council up with electronic packets in the future.

- Clerk working with Verizon to purchase a tablet for Public Works.
- Need to finalize a plan with Park Region for providing internet.

- Once the iPad and new city office printer are fully functional and tested, we will be turning off the internet at the city shop.

- The goal is to move away from Loffler by the end of the year.

- Work with Loffler and Clerk's office to ensure IP phone is setup and restricted.

6.2 School Liaison- Holland: No report

6.3 Budget- City Council:

- The first budget meeting will be held Wednesday, August 15th at 6:00pm.

6.4 Streets/Wastewater-Holland:

- No update on roadwork or insurance on claim for lift station.

6.5 Parks and Recreation-Balken:

- Green Concrete estimate was \$3,600.00 for East Park fencing and digging of holes for pergola at the Prairie Chicken. A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Buckingham. Carried.

- Pickleball lines in the Rec gym will take Larson roughly 20 hours to complete. Approval of Larsons time; A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Balken. Carried.

6.6 Housing, Building Permits, and Zoning- Ziegler:

- Public Notice to be sent out to in force building permits.

- Public Notice of Enforcement and inspection phasing.

- Trial run on website permit process. The payment process will need to be clarified.

- Continued coordination on permit/work tracking and when inspection is required.

6.7 City Ordinance Audit-Tillman: No update.

6.8 Policing and Public Safety-Tillman: No update.

7.0 EDA Minutes & Report:

- There was no meeting held in July.

- Buckingham resigned from EDA President. A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Balken. Buckingham abstained. Carried.

- Weber for new EDA President. A MOTION to approve was made by Balken, seconded by Ziegler. Buckingham abstained. Carried.

- Changes to the charter. A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Ziegler. Buckingham abstained. Carried.

8.0 ROTHSAY FIRE DEPARTMENT:

8.1 Fire Report:

- Approval for Ophoven and Sunde, two new firefighters. A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Buckingham. Carried.

- Assistant Chief Johnson is working on a grant for Narcan spray bottles. \$1,600.00 for six bottles. Any future Narcan bottles will be reimbursable. A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Ziegler. Carried.

- The council would like to be notified when the Rothsay Fire Department will be having their training sessions.

8.2 Clerk's Collection Report: There was a total of 8 calls in the month of July; four Medical, two Car Accidents, One Grass Fire, and One False Alarm. Additional billing is still being processed by the Fire Chief.

9.0 EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

9.1 Jordan Barry:

- Work on getting the control panel fixed next week.

9.2 Eric Larson:

- Pest control at REC. Terminix quote, Two sprays per year and monthly checks for \$77.14 per month. A MOTION to approve was made by Ziegler, seconded by Buckingham. Carried.

- Approval to rent a towable manlift for tree trimming and to hang banners. Cost of \$1,300.00 for a week. A MOTION to approve was made by Ziegler, seconded by Balken. Carried.

9.3 Amanda Kuschel:

- Sent out copper/lead results to residents who had samples done.

- Working on new resident packets to send out to houses purchased in town.

- All City and REC/Fitness Center applications will be in entry of City Hall for those who are unable to make it during business hours to pick up if needed.

- In the process of correcting warranty deeds not done correctly.

- Scheduling a closed meeting with city attorney regarding unemployment.

9.4 Sara Froslic:

- The council would like Froslic to make a priority list and go over the expectations the council feels are the coordinator's job duties.

- Treadmill needs a new motor control board. A MOTION to approve was made by Balken, seconded by Ziegler. Carried.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS:

10.1 Marijuana Legalization Bill: Otter Tail County drafted an ordinance for regulating of public places. Kuschel to send to Sheriff Harris to look over. Discussion at the special meeting in August.

10.2 Rothsay Truck Stop Conditional Use Permit: \$100.00 annual fee. Electrical service must be up to code. Send the application to the Rothsay Truck Stop. Approval at the September meeting.

10.3 Rothsay Round-Up Checking and Savings Account: All 2023 Rothsay Round-Up bills have been paid and account reconciled. Move funds from Prairie Days accounts to the EDA Account. A MOTION to approve was made by Ziegler, seconded by Balken. Carried.

10.4 2023-2024 REC School Schedule: Holland and Froslic have a meeting scheduled with the Activity Director on August 3rd.

10.5 Trust Account Payback from Rothsay Round-Up: \$25,000.00 to be paid back to the trust account. A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Holland. Carried.

10.6 Rothsay Welcome Signs: EDA will oversee welcome signs. Approval to transfer ownership and maintenance. A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Ziegler. Carried.

10.7 Addition to the agenda; CarlsonSV 2022 Audit Presentation:

- Approval to add previous clerk's name to report. A MOTION to approve was made by Ziegler, seconded by Holland. Carried.

- Water and sewer take in is down from 2021 audit.

- Findings for 2022; Material Audit Adjustments, Bank Account Reconciliations, Segregation of Duties, and Preparation of Financial Statements and Related footnotes.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS:

11.1 REC Project-Next

Priorities:

- Designation of rooms and what they will be used for.

- Gutters to be installed on the North side of the building.

11.2 Business Opportunities: SVEDA will be having an event for a way to connect with others.

11.3 gWorks (Utility Billing Hub): Buckingham has a meeting set for August 14th to go over Proof of Concept and include Ziegler in the meeting.

12.0 Adjourn: A MOTION to adjourn was made by Ziegler, seconded by Buckingham, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:39pm.

Special Meeting
Rothsay City Hall
August 11, 2023, 8:30am

Via Microsoft Teams Meeting

1.0 Call to Order: The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Tillman at 8:30am. Council present: Dana Holland Jr, Nathan Ziegler, and Chris Buckingham.

Others present: Amanda Kuschel

and Sarah Wear. Council absent: Shane Balken

2.0 Meeting Closed for Preliminary Consideration of Determination of Eligibility for unemployment Claim: The meeting will be closed as permitted by section 13D.03 for Attorney-Client Privilege.

3.0 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:05am.

Special Meeting
Rothsay City Hall
August 16, 2023, 6:00pm

1.0 Call to Order: The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Tillman at 6:00pm. Council present: Dana Holland Jr, Nathan Ziegler, Shane Balken, and Chris Buckingham. Others present: Amanda Kuschel, James Boyce, Heather Weber, Jordan Barry, Eric Larson, and Darrell Tollefson.

2.0 Marijuana Public Use Ordinance: A MOTION to approve was made by Ziegler, seconded by Balken. Carried.

3.0 2024 Preliminary Budget Planning:

4.0 Adjourn: A MOTION to adjourn by Buckingham, seconded by Ziegler. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

Special Meeting
Rothsay City Hall
August 23, 2023, 6:00pm

1.0 Call to Order: The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Tillman at 6:00pm. Council present: Dana Holland Jr, Nathan Ziegler, Shane Balken, and Chris Buckingham. Others present: Amanda Kuschel, Heather Weber, Jordan Barry, and Eric Larson.

2.0 Cannabis Ordinance Language Review: Review at September Meeting

3.0 Streets Asphalt Repair Quote: Approval to fix area by city shop and area by 307 4th St SE. Total cost \$3,300.00. A MOTION to approve made by Holland, seconded by Balken. Carried.

4.0 2024 Preliminary Budget Planning: Reviewed Fire Department and Water/Wastewater Budget.

4.0 Adjourn: A MOTION to adjourn by Buckingham, seconded by Ziegler. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Special Meeting
Rothsay City Hall
August 30, 2023, 6:00pm

1.0 Call to Order: The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Tillman at 6:05pm. Council present: Dana Holland Jr, Nathan Ziegler, Shane Balken, and Chris Buckingham. Others present: Jordan Barry, Eric Larson, and Sara Froslic.

2.0 2024 Preliminary Budget Planning: Reviewed General Fund Budget.

3.0 Adjourn: A MOTION to adjourn by Holland, seconded by Balken. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Amanda Kuschel,
City Clerk/Treasurer
September 11, 2024



By: Gene Prim

Getting Ready To Make A Break...

At an evaluation and consultation session with administrators and physical therapists at Hillcrest of Wayzata, I found I had created quite a stir. At that session, the first I had ever attended, I made the announcement that I was leaving. I was going home to eat duck at Mabel Murphy's on my birthday, Saturday, June 8. I was also going to preside over a Barnesville City Council meeting on Monday, June 10. And I had some office business I wanted to take care of.

I informed those in attendance that those dates were not negotiable. They could give me a furlough and I would come back or they could kick me out. Choice was theirs. As it turned out, the furlough idea went nowhere. If I left I would have to formally be discharged. Getting back in after that would be the devil's own time. Not impossible, just the next thing closest to impossible.

Occupational terrorist Sarah was my greatest ally and also the one who spoke against the idea. Her rationale was simple. I wasn't ready yet. My own stated release date was only about three weeks away and there was a whole lot of stuff I could not do yet. She also said that if that was the schedule, she and physical therapist Lelani were going to do their best to meet it. They would be ready even if I wasn't. There would be an incredible amount of work I would have to do to make that deadline.

Eyeballs from administrators and my family members began rolling around the table. They rolled their eyes, some in surprise, some in shock and some, who had known me the longest, with just the knowing attitude, "There he goes again. There's no reasoning or arguing with him."

Getting out on June 7 was neither practical nor possible. My actual release date would have to be June 6. I would overnight at Hillcrest and be formally released early the next morning, June 7. After that it would be up to Karen to get me home and babysit me. With most business taken care of, the rest of the meeting was short. I thanked the administrators for the past two months and putting up with me.

As for the physical and occupational terrorists, I got a hint of what was ahead as Sarah bent over as she walked by and said, "You're going to pay dearly for this. We'll put together a REAL special program for you in the time we have left with you."

I knew she was kidding. Sorta! Maybe! I knew there were a lot of things I was no good at yet and a lot of things I needed to get familiar with, all in a very short time. I knew I was going to pay but the decision had been made, even if not all of the details, had been worked out yet. Now it was a race to the finish line. It was up to the terrorists to get me whipped back into shape in short order.

Karen and kids were more cautious than argumentative about the decision to leave. From where they sat, they didn't know how I could cope out in the real world. I was still bound to a wheelchair or a walker for any kind of mobility. How was I going to make the jump from bed bound to ambulatory in a few weeks? Was there another nursing home, closer to home where I could go if this didn't work out? It didn't seem possible to them. Nor, upon further reflection, to me either. But I did not come to that realization until after I shot my mouth off and made the announcement. There's no going back now, is there?

Actually my daily physical routine did not change all that much even after my announcement that I was leaving. I think there may have been an increase in the intensity of my walkabouts that were presided over by Leilani. We had pretty much abandoned the rigid walker in favor of the wheeled walker with handbrakes. The rigid walker was much more stable and there was a tendency to start depending upon it too much. There was also a tendency to start "walking with your arms instead of your legs". In generic terms, this meant I was leaning too hard on the device and using my upper body to support myself.

You could still get by with that in the wheeled walker but it was a lot tougher. About the time you started to depend upon that device with your upper body weight it would try to pick up speed or squirm away from you and you had to make a hasty chase to catch up with it. Our walks became longer and longer. "Head up! . . . Chest out! . . . Keep your shoulders down! . . . You're walking with your arms again! . . . Slow down and do it right! . . . You'll never get out of here on your schedule if you don't start showing more improvement!", all became familiar chants from Leilani as she tried to build muscle strength and body conditioning.

Sarah's sessions too began to take on a different tone. We were pretty much done with setting tables and hanging clothes in the closet. She shifted her and my attention over to daily tasks that I would be forced to do around my own home once I got there. She had Karen measure the height of our bed. She wanted a very accurate count of the steps that would be involved at both the house and cabin. I had already given her those but she apparently wanted them from a more reliable, reputable source.

Turns out my count of the steps in our bi-level home was pretty much right on the mark. Missed that by only one. There are nine steps involved instead of the eight I had guesstimated for the homefront. I should have gotten that one, I've climbed them enough times. I was right on the money at the lake, 12 steps up, landing, left turn, then five more to upstairs floor.

Those 17 steps at the lake were less than I was doing on the steps at the nursing home. There it was 21 steps total from the downstairs gym to the residential rooms on the ground level. Both Leilani and Sarah were grinding away on those steps. I could daily depend upon at least three session up and down on the steps. I had also lost my taxi service. Even if I rolled the wheelchair myself, they were having none of it. If I wanted to leave, using my walker I would be walking to and from my room and the gym from now on.

Minnesota Starwatch For September 2023

In September the fall constellations move to front and center in the south. They include Aquarius and Pisces, which are famous but dim. On the bright side, this year Jupiter joins Saturn in the evening sky.

Jupiter rises in the east-northeast by 11 p.m. On the first of September, if you want to identify these two planets, a fat waning moon helpfully positions itself midway between Jupiter, to its lower left, and Saturn, to its upper right. On the 26th, a waxing moon hangs below Saturn.

Grab a star chart and look for faint, scraggly Aquarius, Saturn's current constellation of residence. Also find the Great Square of Pegasus and the Circlet of Pisces, a rather dim ring of stars below and slightly west of the Great Square.

And don't forget the Summer Triangle. September is the best time to see these three bright stars, because they now appear high in the south at nightfall. If you have no binoculars, it still should be easy to find the Northern Cross stretching southwestward from Deneb, the star at the Triangle's northeast corner.

In the predawn sky, Venus appears below the Gemini twins—



Castor and Pollux—and Procyon, in Canis Minor, the little dog. A waning moon hangs near Pollux on the 10th, and closer to Venus the next two mornings. Note how Venus, the brightest planet, compares to Sirius, the brightest star. Sirius shines to the right of Venus, and at nearly the same altitude, all month.

The evening of the 28th, the third super moon in a row rises, becoming full at 4:57 a.m. the next morning. As the second full moon in a calendar month, it's also a blue moon.

Fall arrives with the autumnal equinox at 1:50 a.m. on the 23rd. At that moment the southbound sun officially crosses the equator, and Earth will be lighted from pole to pole.

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Despite my fondness for having my nurse friends Gail and Emily stop by and riddle my body with needle sticks at odd hours, I had made the decision to depart from Hillcrest of Wayzata on a date certain and soon.