



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, May 19, 2025

1. Roll Call

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Rachel Tierney were also present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

Bauer moved, Strahan seconded, approval of the agenda as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

Mayor Roe called for public comments by audience members on non-agenda items.

Ms. Alyssa Prideaux, 1488 Woodlynn, Roseville, addressed the council regarding a bee ordinance, sharing her personal experience with aggressive bees.

Ms. Prideaux recommended adopting the St. Paul Bee Ordinance, which included education, permits, and signage requirements.

Mr. Trudgeon confirmed the City has examples of the St. Paul ordinance and can schedule a future conversation on the topic.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Prideaux for her input and suggested staff follow up with her.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Proclaim LGBTQIA+ Month

Mayor Roe read the LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, proclaiming June 2025 LGBTQIA+ Month.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.

b. Proclaim Gun Violence Awareness Day and Month

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Mayor Roe read the National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Month Proclamation.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, proclaiming June 2025 National Gun Violence Month and June 6, 2025, National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Conduct Public Hearing and Certify Unpaid Utility Charges to the Property Tax Roll

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 19, 2025.

Mayor Roe clarified the resolution lists addresses, not individuals, and confirmed notice has been provided to all properties.

Mayor Roe reviewed the public hearing protocol and opened and closed the public hearing at approximately 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input on the above-referenced matter of certifying unpaid utility charges to the property tax roll, with no one appearing for or against.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12160 (Attachment 1) entitled, "Resolution Directing the County Auditor to Levy Unpaid Water, Sewer and Other City Charges for Payable 2010 or Beyond."

Council Discussion

Councilmember Groff asked, when the city places these charges on taxes, does a fee or penalty also get charged to the property?

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that attachment two showed a \$25 fee. He noted this was something new that the city had not done in the past and that the fee helps cover City costs.

Councilmember Strahan wondered if there were residents who were regularly on the list and if those charges were ever reimbursed to the city.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that the charges get paid when the property taxes are paid, and some properties seem to be on the list on a pretty regular basis. He noted that some of the properties on the list are also delinquent on their county taxes.

Councilmember Strahan asked if the property owner was behind on their taxes, would the city be able to cut off their water?

Mr. Trudgeon reviewed the policy with the council regarding delinquency and the city's ability to turn off the water. He indicated the city has never done that, but letters have been sent in the past.

Mayor Roe asked if, once these are certified, the property owners can settle the assessment before their property tax bill is due.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that he was unsure. He believed the county would collect back taxes at any point, but penalties would still be charged.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.

b. Consider a Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 2941 Victoria Street N

City Building Official David Englund summarized the request as detailed in the Request for Council Action of this date and noted that a bench handout, incorporated into the Request for Council Action, provides an extract of City Council meeting minutes from May 19, 2025.

Mr. Englund detailed the violations, including an unlicensed and inoperable vehicle, as well as numerous items stored outside.

Mayor Roe asked if there was a representative of the property on Victoria Street.

No one appeared before the council.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment, but no one came forward.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Strahan noted that this has been going on for about seven months and that she believed the city has been exceptionally patient. She said that the goal was never to see someone's belongings tossed in the trash, but this has been going

on for a long time, and a lot of staff time and energy have been spent on this issue. She believed this was the right step that needed to be taken.

Strahan moved, Bauer seconded, directing Community Development staff to abate the public nuisance violations at 2941 Victoria Street N. by notifying a towing company to remove the unlicensed vehicle from the property and by hiring a private contractor to remove the unsafe structure and items stored outside on the property.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.

c. Consider Presumptive Penalty Approval – 2025 Alcohol Compliance Check (LaCasita)

Deputy Police Chief Joe Adams briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 19, 2025.

Deputy Chief Adams presented the alcohol compliance check summary for LaCasita.

Mayor Roe asked if there was a representative who wished to speak. No one came forward.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment, but no one came forward.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, approved issuing and administering the presumptive penalty pursuant to City Code Section 302.15, for on-sale license holders for the second violation within thirty-six (36) months with a mandatory minimum penalty of a two thousand dollars (\$2,000) fine and a five-day license suspension.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Bauer asked Deputy Chief Adams to review the identification checks that the Police Department conducts.

Deputy Chief Adams reviewed how the State changed ID requirements to make it easier for servers to check for anyone under the age of 21.

Councilmember Groff noted that approximately two weeks before the compliance check, the Police Department sends out a letter notifying all businesses that a checker would be visiting, so this is not a surprise to the company.

Deputy Chief Adams indicated that it was correct.

Councilmember Groff inquired about the training requirements for servers.

Deputy Chief Adams reviewed the server training that the city provides to businesses within the city.

Councilmember Strahan noted in the report that, at least for this particular business, the manager acknowledged receipt of the alcohol compliance.

Deputy Chief Adams indicated that it was correct.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None

d. Consider Presumptive Penalty Approval – 2025 Alcohol Compliance Check (Centro)

Deputy Police Chief Joe Adams briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 19, 2025.

Mayor Roe asked if there was a representative of Centro who would like to address the City.

Ms. Jamie Olson, owner of Centro, addressed the city council regarding the violation. She indicated that it was very unfortunate they had to attend the meeting. She explained the business acknowledged the violation and did not take it lightly. She believed they had a powerful alcohol compliance training program. She noted that documents were sent to the city. She explained that the business received the letter approximately two weeks after the check, which was due to their mail policy. As a result, people at the store level do not have access to the mail, which sometimes causes a delay. She indicated that since this happened, they have instructed their employees to open it if something looks serious.

Mr. Cody Webster, Director of Operations at Centro, reiterated Ms. Olson's statement. He noted that the company undergoes annual training twice a year to onboard new employees, which goes above and beyond due to its multiple locations and businesses.

Ms. Olson offered reassurance to the city and the council that they would do their best and continue to do so, and she hoped this did not reflect poorly on their business or operations.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Olson and Mr. Webster for attending the meeting and discussing their process.

Councilmember Groff indicated that he was glad the business was conducting its training and taking it seriously.

Councilmember Strahan indicated that she and her husband had visited a few months ago, and she acknowledged that it was a great job because all the employees were checking IDs. She appreciated them taking ownership and their continued diligence.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment, but no one came forward.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, approve issuing and administering the presumptive penalty pursuant to City Code Section 302.15, for on-sale license holders for the first violation within thirty-six (36) months with a mandatory minimum penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) fine and a one-day license suspension.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None

e. Consider Presumptive Penalty Approval – 2025 Alcohol Compliance Check (Shinhwa Korean Steakhouse)

Deputy Police Chief Joe Adams briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 19, 2025.

Mayor Roe asked if the owner or representative was at the meeting and wished to speak. No one appeared before the council.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment, but no one came forward.

Mr. Trudgeon noted that the owners of Bon Chon and Shinhwa are the same person, even though they operate under different business entities, and that they would afford the opportunity if the council wanted to consider increasing the presumptive penalty. He noted that was something the council could consider and if the council would like to do that the suggestion would be to table action tonight so staff can properly notify Shinhwa that the city was considering a departure, an upward departure, of the penalty for them to be able to be at the meeting and discuss and contest that with the council.

City Attorney Tierney confirmed that Mr. Trudgeon's statement was correct, emphasizing that the key is for the owner to have the opportunity to understand that the city council is considering this upward departure and the basis for it, and to be able to respond to that.

Mayor Roe asked if, under the city's code language itself, a single owner can hold two licenses, and he did not believe that the city council considers a second violation by the same owner with a different license to be automatically subject to the presumptive second violation penalty.

City Attorney Tierney indicated that it was correct. The city licenses individual businesses, and it is the business license itself that the penalties are based on. She thought that the city code anticipated something like this might happen and that the city would be able to consider those factors when imposing a penalty.

Councilmember Strahan wondered if staff knew if there were any other businesses in Roseville with liquor licenses that share ownership.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that he did not check in-depth on all the different licenses, but he was not aware of any other ones. He noted he would need to do further research.

Mayor Roe asked if the council wanted to consider the presumptive penalty as outlined in the code or deviate from that. He thought if the council wished to deviate, then it would be appropriate to table this.

Councilmember Groff indicated that he would like to address this now, but also viewed it as an educational component, as it was new information he was not previously aware of.

Councilmember Bauer concurred, noting that even though there is one individual owner, it is two separate entities and that separation is important.

Councilmember Strahan seconded the motion to table.

Mayor Roe indicated that there was no motion to table, and it was his understanding, which could be clarified, that Councilmember Groff was not necessarily seeking to table the items before the council, but rather to act this evening, potentially.

Councilmember Groff indicated that it was correct. He felt that the council should address this case and later pursue the policy question in a separate council discussion.

Mayor Roe clarified that there would be more discussion on the policy, but not on this specific case. He was not sure if he would look at the city's code differently, because the code is written around the license holder and not necessarily if they happen to be an owner of multiple entities. He thought if the council wished to have more discussion about how this case works, in terms of how this specific business and ownership functions, and if that might impact the decision on the case as to whether to escalate or not, and if this is tabled, the council still ultimately has the option not to escalate.

Councilmember Strahan indicated that she would be open to furthering the discussion, not necessarily to escalate the fines presumptively. She noted that she did not want to set a precedent and would like to gather additional information to make a fair assessment of this. She thought that furthering the conversation was essential and felt that Councilmember Schroeder should be part of the conversation as well.

Mayor Roe indicated the council has a specific case before them of a violation as he understood it. He thought Councilmember Strahan would like to gather more information about other license holders and potentially multiple owners holding multiple licenses as part of the consideration of this case.

Councilmember Strahan thought that unless the council had some clarity around how the application process worked, and that they were aware that the owner, who had multiple entities, was aware that this escalation of penalties across entities was possible. She thought there would need to be an ordinance change or a tightening up with a specific date from which it would be effective.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated these were two separate issues, so if the council wished to table the action to consider the upward penalty, staff would do the notice. The owner would have to come forward, and the council would have to consider the facts of the matter. If the council wished to consider changing the ordinance, which he was unsure how much they would be able to do, it could not be applied retroactively to this case. He indicated that staff could schedule a future discussion on this, but he thought the other question before the council should be the one they should focus on.

Mayor Roe asked the council if they wanted to investigate the possibility of deviating in this case, or if they were prepared to act on the penalty as it stands.

City Attorney Tierney explained, for the sake of clarification, that the council's ability to deviate does not always require tabling of the item and reconsideration at a second meeting. The reason for the recommendation to table action in this case is that the licensee could not have known that this dual license would be part of the consideration. The reason for the extra notice would be to provide this additional information, which the licensee should have the right to address.

Bauer moved, Groff seconded, approve issuing and administering the presumptive penalty pursuant to City Code Section 302.15, for on-sale license holders for the first violation within thirty-six (36) months with a mandatory minimum penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) fine and a one-day license suspension.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None

f. Consider Presumptive Penalty Approval – 2025 Alcohol Compliance Check (GameZenter)

Deputy Police Chief Joe Adams briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 19, 2025.

Mayor Roe asked if the representative from GameZenter was present and wished to address the council.

Mr. Josiah Northey, manager at GameZenter, explained that the CEO had intended to attend the meeting but mistakenly thought it was on the 16th, so he left and was unable to come to the meeting. He indicated he just found out today that they were supposed to receive a letter regarding a check. He stated that no one told any of them in advance that there was mail indicating a check would be sent. As far as he could recall, everybody had their licenses up to date, and they had taken measures to prevent this in the future.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Northey for being at the meeting and representing the company.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment, but no one came forward.

The council discussed the importance of training and compliance, emphasizing the need for consistent enforcement.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, approve issuing and administering the presumptive penalty pursuant to City Code Section 302.15, for on-sale license holders for the first violation within thirty-six (36) months with a mandatory minimum penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) fine and a one-day license suspension.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None

g. Consider Presumptive Penalty Approval – 2025 Tobacco Compliance Check (Noble Tobacco)

Deputy Police Chief Joe Adams briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 19, 2025.

Deputy Chief Adams indicated that the Police Department also sent a letter to the tobacco license holders.

Mayor Roe asked if there was a representative of the business who would like to address the council.

Mr. Mohammed Abu Ferrah, manager of Noble Tobacco, addressed the council.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment, but no one came forward.

Councilmember Strahan expressed disappointment over a recent incident at a new tobacco establishment, emphasizing the need for improved management to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Mayor Roe echoed the sentiment, noting the frustration with the lack of focus on ID checking and education in tobacco establishments.

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, approve issuing and administering the presumptive penalty pursuant to City Code Section 306.09, for tobacco license holders for the second violation within thirty-six (36) months with a mandatory minimum penalty of two thousand dollar (\$2,000) fine and a three-day license suspension.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None

h. Consider Presumptive Penalty Approval – 2025 Tobacco Compliance Check (Holiday Gas)

Deputy Police Chief Joe Adams briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 19, 2025.

Mayor Roe asked if there was a representative of the business who would like to address the council. No one appeared before the council.

Public Comment

Mayor Roe offered an opportunity for public comment, but no one came forward.

Strahan moved, Bauer seconded, approve issuing and administering the presumptive penalty pursuant to City Code Section 306.09, for tobacco license holders for the second violation within thirty-six (36) months with a mandatory minimum penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) fine and a three-day license suspension.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None

Mayor Roe thanked Deputy Chief Adams for being present and expressed hope for fewer such incidents in the future.

8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items

a. City Streetlight Policy

Mayor Roe introduced Councilmember Groff's request to discuss the city street light policy, which was implemented last year.

Councilmember Groff explained the need to revisit the policy due to complaints about unnecessary streetlights along Highway 36 and Highway 35. He suggested adding a mechanism for residents to petition against unnecessary streetlights, taking into account both safety and cost considerations.

Councilmember Strahan raised concerns about the permanence of streetlights and the ability of neighborhoods to request or have them removed. She emphasized the importance of considering pedestrian safety and the type of streetlights used.

Mayor Roe suggested revisiting previous discussions on the policy to ensure comprehensive consideration of all aspects.

The council agreed to include this clarification in future discussions on street light policy.

Mayor Roe noted that the Council by this discussion directed staff to put the issue on a future agenda for discussion, including feedback from staff and residents.

9. Approve Minutes

The City Council submitted comments and corrections to the draft minutes prior to tonight's meeting, and those revisions were incorporated into the draft presented in the Council packet.

a. Approve May 5, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, approval of the May 5, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

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Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.

10. Approve Consent Agenda

At Mayor Roe's request, City Manager Trudgeon briefly reviewed the items being considered under the Consent Agenda, as detailed in specific Requests for Council Action dated May 19, 2025, and related attachments.

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, approval of the Consent Agenda including claims and payments as presented and detailed.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$217,776.10
112578 - 112632	566,138.50
TOTAL	\$783,914.60

b. Approve General Purchases or Sale of Surplus Items Exceeding \$10,000

c. Approve Proposal for Construction Materials Testing for the 2025 Pavement Management Project (25-04)

d. Approve Resolution for Application to MnDOT Local Partnership Program (LPP) Grant for the Snelling Avenue Pathway

11. Future Agenda Review, Communications, Reports, and Announcements – Council and City Manager

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the overviews of the June 2, 2025, City Council meeting, the June 16, 2025, City Council meeting, the June 23, 2025, Rosefest Parade, and the July 2025 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Groff thanked the council and city for their support of Northeast Youth and Family Services.

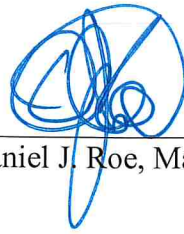
12. Adjourn

Strahan moved, Bauer seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 7:28 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Strahan, Groff, Bauer, and Roe.

Nays: None.



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager