City of
ROSEVILLE
Minnesota, USA

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, November 24, 2025

1. **Roll Call**
Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. Voting and Seating Order: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe. City Manager Patrick Trudgeon and City Attorney Rachel Tierney were also present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approve Agenda**

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

Roll Call
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

4. **Public Comment**
Mayor Roe called for public comment by audience members on non-agenda items. No one came forward to speak.

5. **Recognitions, Donations, and Communications**

6. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

7. **Business Items**

a. **Receive Presentation from Metropolitan Council Member Peter Lindstrom**
Metropolitan Council Member Peter Lindstrom introduced himself along with his colleagues, Michael Sun and Merritt Clapp-Smith.

Mr. Lindstrom gave an overview of the Metropolitan Council's roles and responsibilities. He covered the Met Council's environmental services, such as wastewater treatment, and emphasized the importance of public health in wastewater management.

Mr. Lindstrom shared statistics on Roseville's wastewater contribution to the Met Council and commended Roseville's efforts in managing inflow and infiltration. He covered the Met Council's water efficiency grant program and Roseville's participation, including the application of an equity lens on rebates.

Mr. Lindstrom discussed the Met Council's transit initiatives, including the Network Now plan and expanding micro transit services. He emphasized how successful the micro transit service in Roseville has been and its popularity, with more than 20,000 rides since its launch.

Mr. Lindstrom explained that Ms. Clapp-Smith will assist Roseville with its comprehensive plan update and discussed the requirements of the Imagine 2050 regional plan.

Ms. Clapp-Smith provided an overview of the comprehensive plan update process, including the importance of community engagement and the new requirements for natural systems planning, climate initiatives, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Councilmember Bauer inquired about the value and effectiveness of the comprehensive plan and the Metropolitan Council's minimum requirements.

Councilmember Schroeder asked about funding and programs to prevent chloride contamination in water.

Mr. Lindstrom recommended smart salting and partnering with St. Paul Water.

Councilmember Strahan advocated expanding Metro Transit services to northeast Roseville and praised the G Line bus rapid transit project.

Ms. Lindstrom and Ms. Clapp-Smith provided further details on the Metropolitan Council's roles and resources.

Mayor Roe and the City Council expressed their gratitude to Mr. Lindstrom and his colleagues for their presentation.

b. Hold a Public Hearing to Consider Approving Liquor License Renewals for 2026

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated November 24, 2025.

Ms. Olson presented the applications for liquor license renewals for 2026, including a public hearing. She noted Red Lobster was not included in the renewals as of right now. She wanted to get feedback from the council and have the city attorney outline options, then bring that renewal application back at the December 8 meeting for consideration.

Mayor Roe reviewed the public hearing protocol and opened and closed the public hearing at approximately 7:15 p.m. to receive public input on the upcoming 2026 liquor license renewals, with no one appearing for or against.

Schroeder moved, Bauer seconded, approval of the renewal of the requested liquor licenses for 2026, upon receipt of all outstanding applicant materials and payments.

Council Discussion

Councilmember Schroeder thought it was nice to see that Roseville has many businesses and knew it was a challenge to find enough employees and keep them, but she also believed it was essential to train all of them.

Councilmember Bauer explained that he had seen the list and the number of violations the city has. He thought Roseville's business and restaurant communities had been doing very well with compliance and training.

Roll Call
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

Mayor Roe asked City Attorney Tierney to review options for the council related to the Red Lobster renewal application.

Ms. Attorney Tierney explained that when the city last considered a compliance violation by the Red Lobster due to their frequency of compliance check failures, the council mentioned the possibility of taking additional action at the time of renewal. Denial of renewal is essentially equivalent to revoking the license, so we look to the liquor licensing statute, which requires the council to follow the procedures of the Minnesota Administrative Procedures Act when taking such action.

Ms. Tierney explained that it is a standard process. It provides notice and an opportunity to be heard, but with stricter requirements, such as a reasonable chance to be heard and notice of the charges the business is facing. There are also specific hearing requirements. To clarify, if the council wants to consider non-renewal, staff should send a letter to Red Lobster and allow them to request a contested hearing on that issue.

Ms. Tierney stated that the City would provide all relevant reports or information, which would then be presented to the council for its review. The business could also call witnesses, submit evidence or testimony, and, if the City provided witnesses, cross-examine them. Furthermore, the business can present arguments to the council about the appropriate penalty, if any. The council's decision must be in writing and include findings.

Ms. Tierney explained that this process would likely take more than one meeting; the council would advise staff of its decision, staff would then prepare proposed findings for the council's review and approval. This outline describes the procedures involved.

Ms. Tierney suggested another option: referring the matter to a hearing officer rather than conducting the hearing in front of the council. The process would be similar, with the hearing officer preparing a report for the council's review.

Mayor Roe thanked Ms. Tierney for the information. He asked the council what actions they wanted to take regarding this matter with Red Lobster. He inquired whether the council wished to consider the history of compliance check violations when reviewing Red Lobster's 2026 renewal application, which has been filed, and if so, which process the council would like to follow. He noted that Red Lobster has had three violations within the past 36 months.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated Red Lobster has also had four violations in the past 38 months.

Councilmember Schroeder emphasized that one violation occurred just before the 36-month look-back period. According to regulations, if a business has three violations in the previous 36 months, it faces a $2,000 fine and a fifteen-day suspension. The council would then need to review the reasons for any deviation from the regulation.

Mayor Roe asked for the council's thoughts on whether the council was ready to reach a conclusion at this meeting. However, he thought that in the absence of direction from the council, there is an application that requires the council to act on, so the council can either delay the process or proceed through the normal process.

The Council agreed to proceed with the standard process for this application.

Mayor Roe confirmed that the council would not instruct staff to take any additional actions and that the application would be brought before the council for the usual review.

c. **Consider an Abatement of Private Hydrant at 1375 Commerce Street**

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer presented the abatement cases for non-compliant private hydrants, explaining the process and the need for abatement due to fire safety issues.

The Council discussed the importance of maintaining functional hydrants and the fire safety implications for property owners.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, directing Public Works Staff to abate the Public Nuisance Violations at 1375 Commerce Street by hiring a Contractor to repair or replace the Private Hydrant at the Property.

Roll Call
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

d. Consider an Abatement of Private Hydrant at 1960 Twin Lakes Parkway
Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer presented the abatement cases for non-compliant private hydrants, explaining the process and the need for abatement due to fire safety issues.

Strahan moved, Bauer seconded, directing Public Works Staff to abate the Public Nuisance Violations at 1960 Twin Lakes Parkway by hiring a Contractor to repair or replace the Private Hydrant at the Property.

Roll Call
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

e. Consider an Abatement of Private Hydrant at 2597 Cleveland Avenue
Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer presented the abatement cases for non-compliant private hydrants, explaining the process and the need for abatement due to fire safety issues.

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, directing Public Works Staff to abate the Public Nuisance Violations at 2597 Cleveland Avenue by hiring a Contractor to repair or replace the Private Hydrant at the Property.

Roll Call
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

f. Consider an Abatement of Private Hydrant at 1641 County Road B2
Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer presented the abatement cases for non-compliant private hydrants, explaining the process and the need for abatement due to fire safety issues.

Strahan moved, Schroeder seconded, directing Public Works Staff to abate the Public Nuisance Violations at 1641 County Road B2 by hiring a Contractor to repair or replace the Private Hydrant at the Property.

Roll Call

Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

g. **Consider an Abatement of Private Hydrant at 1885 County Road C**
Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer presented the abatement cases for non-compliant private hydrants, explaining the process and the need for abatement due to fire safety issues.

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, directing Public Works Staff to abate the Public Nuisance Violations at 1885 County Road C by hiring a Contractor to repair or replace the Private Hydrant at the Property.

Roll Call
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

h. **Consider a Request to Perform an Abatement for Unresolved Violations of City Code at 1719 Chatsworth Street**
City Building Official David Englund summarized the request as detailed in the Request for Council Action of this date and noted a bench handout, incorporated into the Request for Council Action.

The council reviewed the history of similar violations at the property and the possible effects of abatement on the property owners.

Mr. Englund indicated that the occupant stated that they would not be able to fix the vehicle and make it fully operable until after the holidays, possibly early January 2026.

The council considered whether to delay the abatement to provide the property owner with more time to comply, and highlighted the importance of resources and support for property owners.

Schroeder moved, Strahan seconded, directing Community Development staff to postpone the abatement until December 8, 2025. If the property owner fails to address the issues, staff is authorized to carry out the abatement of the public nuisance violations at 1765 Chatsworth Street by notifying a towing company to remove unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles and by engaging a separate contractor to remove the junk and debris from the property.

Roll Call
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

i. **Hold a Public Hearing and Consider a Request to Approve a Minor Plat (PF25-017)**

Senior Planner Bryan Lloyd briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request for Council Action and related attachments dated November 24, 2025.

Mr. Lloyd presented the proposal to plat the property at 1900-1910 County Road D, dedicating a right-of-way along County Road D and creating an outlot for future development.

The council discussed the implications of the outlot and the potential for future development, confirming that the plat would preserve existing easements and utilities.

Ms. Pamela Bells, the applicant, explained the initial plans for Phase Two, which involved attaching to the existing building, but were halted due to the State's lease of the old care center for COVID-19 overflow. She noted that the State's lease had ended, and the building was removed to prevent it from becoming an eyesore and liability. The parking and driveway were left in place for future development, and a stormwater pond was added as required for Phase One.

Mayor Roe reviewed public hearing protocol and opened the public hearing at approximately 7:54 p.m.

Public Comment

Ms. Emily Ruggles Johnson, 3060 Arthur Street

Ms. Ruggles Johnson expressed concerns about the property, including a 2020 break-in and the effects of construction on her neighborhood. She inquired about who owns the property and the maintenance plans, voicing worries about pests and trash.

Mr. Jeff Howison, Evelyn Street

Mr. Howison also addressed the council, noting the trash and the area's overall condition. He mentioned that it's unclear what is happening at the property. He also said that Mr. Lloyd responded to his email, which he appreciated.

With no one else appearing to speak, Mayor Roe closed the public hearing at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Bells explained that Presbyterian Homes (PHS) remains the owner and will maintain the property, which has been overseeded and will be mowed regularly.

Mayor Roe suggested that PHS supply contact details for neighbors to report maintenance issues.

Councilmember Strahan asked PHS about the long-term plans for the property, including the possibility of selling it for profit or further developing it.

Ms. Bells explained that the property is currently not designated for any specific use and that having it as an outlot provides beneficial flexibility.

Councilmember Strahan asked about the possibility of using the property as green space and its potential impact on the neighborhood.

Ms. Bells described the maintenance plans, including mowing and maintaining prairie grass, as well as the potential for public use of the property.

Mayor Roe clarified with Ms. Bells that making the site available for use as green space for the neighborhood is not an official condition of the possible approval of the requested minor plat.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12186 (Attachment 4) entitled, "Resolution Approving the Proposed Langton Shores Outlots Plat (PF25-017)."

Roll Call

Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None

Mayor Roe thanked the applicant, Ms. Bells, for her presentation and confirmed the approval of the minor plat.

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 8:13 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 8:19 p.m.

j. **Consider Adopting Ordinances to Implement Gas and Electric Franchise Ordinances and Gas and Electric Franchise Fees**

City Manager Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated November 24, 2025.

Mr. Trudgeon explained the background of the franchise ordinances and the proposed franchise fees for gas and electric utilities. The fees would among other things replace Xcel Energy's permit fees, totaling about $50,000 annually. The proposed fees would raise approximately $2.4 million each year, with residential customers paying $3 per month for each utility.

The council discussed how franchise fees affect the city's budget and the possible reallocation of capital funds. They also talked about the timing of deciding on the franchise fees, with some members suggesting waiting for public input at the upcoming budget hearings.

Councilmembers Bauer and Schroeder supported awaiting public feedback before finalizing the decision on the fees.

Councilmember Strahan highlighted the importance of fiscal responsibility and the long-term effects of franchise fees on the city's budget.

Mayor Roe confirmed the consensus of the council to delay action on the franchise fee portion of this discussion until receiving public input on the budget and tax levy in December.

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, enactment of Ordinance No's. 1692 and 1693 (Attachments 1 and 2) entitled, "An Ordinance Granting to Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, Its Successors and Assigns, A Franchise to Construct, Operate, Repair, and Maintain in the City of Roseville, Minnesota, An Electric Distribution System and Transmission Lines, Including Necessary Poles, Lines, Fixtures and Appurtenances, for the Furnishings of Electric Energy to the City, Its Inhabitants, and others, and to Use the Public Ways and Public Grounds of the City for Such Purchases." And "An Ordinance Granting to Northern States Power Company, A Minnesota Corporation, Its Successors and Assigns, A Nonexclusive Franchise to Construct, Operate, Repair and Maintain Facilities and Equipment for the Transportation, Distribution, Manufacture, and Sale of Gas Energy for Public and Private Use and to Use the Public Ground of the City of Roseville Minnesota, for Such Purposes; and, Prescribing Certain Terms and Conditions Thereof."

Roll Call
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None

Strahan moved, Groff seconded, approval of Ordinance Summary Resolution No's. 12187 and 12188 (Attachments 3 and 4) entitled, "An Ordinance Summary Granting to Northern States Power Company, A Minnesota Corporation, Its Successors and Assigns, A Franchise to Construct, Operate, Repair and Maintain in the City of Roseville, Minnesota, an Electric Distribution System and Transmission Lines, Including Necessary Poles, Lines, Fixtures and Appurtenances, for the Furnishing of Electric Energy to the City, its Inhabitants, and Others, to use the Public Ways and Public Grounds of the City for Such Purposes, and Granting to Northern States Power Company, A Minnesota Corporation, its Sucessors and Assigns, A Nonexclusive Franchise to Construct, Operate, Repair and Maintain Facilities and Equipment for the Transportation, Distribution, Manufacture and Sale of Gas Energy for Public and Private Use and to use the Public Ground of the City of Roseville, Minnesota, for Such Purpose; and, Prescribing Certain Terms and Conditions Thereof."

Roll Call (Super Majority Required)
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None

8. Council Direction on Councilmember Initiated Agenda Items

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 November 10, 2025, EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes**
Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, approval of the November 10, 2025, EDA and City Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll Call
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, 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 November 24, 2025, and related attachments.

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

Roll Call
Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

a. **Approve Payments**

ACH Payments	$508,824.30
114107-114215	465,926.36
TOTAL	**$974,750.66**

b. **Approve General Purchases or Sale of Surplus Items Exceeding $10,000**
c. **Approval of 2026 Business License Renewals**
d. **Approve the Renewal of a Short-Term Rental License for 1820 Chatsworth St N**
e. **Adopt Resolutions Approving a PUD Amendment Concept Plan and Final Plan to Allow a Home Design that is Different from the Design Approved in 2025 at 180-188 Elmer Street**

f. **Approve the Sanitary Sewer System Interconnection Agreement for Community Park Between the City of Roseville and the City of Falcon Heights**
g. **Resolution Requesting Funding from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services' 2026 Private Property Inflow and Infiltration Grant Program**
h. **Approve Professional Services Agreement for 2026 Construction Projects Geotechnical Exploration**
i. **Approve Roseville Firefighters Relief Association Benefit Increase**
j. **Approve Position of Cadet II for the Fire Department**

Councilmember Strahan raised concerns about the consistency and accuracy of the information provided in the applications for recycling and garbage haulers.

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

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the December 1, 2025, and December 8, 2025, City Council meetings.

12. Adjourn to Closed Session

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, and adjournment to a closed session at approximately 8:59 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

13. Reconvene to Open Session

Groff moved, Strahan seconded, reconvened to the open session at approximately 9:19 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

14. Adjournment

Schroeder moved, Bauer seconded, adjournment at approximately 9:19 p.m.

Roll Call

Ayes: Schroeder, Groff, Bauer, Strahan, and Roe.
Nays: None.

Daniel J. Roe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager