



Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Monday, May 18, 2026

1. Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

City Manager Trudgeon requested the removal of Item 7B (Consider an Abatement Request for Unresolved City Code Violations at 648 Iona Lane) from the agenda.

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, approval of the agenda as amended.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

4. Public Comment

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

Mr. Roger Hess of Wagener Place commented on the upcoming June 15 review of the Public Works and License Center's preliminary plans. He encouraged the city to hold an open house before plan approval so residents can view the plans, ask questions, and provide feedback. He also requested that the project include storage space for Roseville Area Youth activities that lost storage when the Fairview facility was demolished.

In addition, Mr. Hess urged the city to reconsider the proposed dance studio and instead develop a black box theater that could also accommodate dance activities, arguing that it would serve a broader range of community users year-round at a similar cost. He concluded by asking the city to address maintenance needs at the Constitution Monument before the July 4 holiday.

Mr. Etienne Djevi, speaking on behalf of the Roseville Juneteenth Planning Committee, along with Ms. Yolonda Pierson, President and CEO of the Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce, and Roseville resident Mr. Rick Sanders, invited the community to attend the eighth annual Roseville Juneteenth celebration on June 13, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Central Park.

Mr. Djevi noted that attendance has grown steadily over the years, drawing visitors from across the region, and thanked the city for its ongoing partnership and support. He also

invited Mayor Roe to participate in the welcoming ceremony and encouraged all residents to attend, emphasizing that the event is meant to celebrate an inclusive, united community.

Ms. Pierson explained that the Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce is honored to partner with the Roseville Juneteenth Committee for the event, highlighting opportunities for community engagement, support of local entrepreneurs and small businesses, and activities designed for people of all ages and backgrounds. She noted that the event provides a welcoming environment where residents and visitors can connect while learning about local businesses and community resources.

Mr. Sanders encouraged residents and city officials to attend, describing the celebration as a labor of love that has grown significantly since its beginnings as a small gathering in the park. He reflected on how the event started with a handful of people sharing food and discussing freedom, and has evolved into a large community celebration featuring free food, music, and family-friendly activities. He invited everyone to stop by, even briefly, and help celebrate the occasion.

5. Recognitions, Donations, and Communications

a. Recognition of Roseville Area High School Fire Bears Robotic Team

Mayor Roe introduced the first recognition of the evening, honoring the Roseville Fire Bears Robotics from Roseville Area High School. He invited team representatives to come forward, introduce themselves and their program, and share information about the team's accomplishments.

Mayor Roe also noted that the presentation would include a video demonstration and welcomed team members to provide an overview of their activities and the recent competitive season.

Mr. Don Seiford, lead mentor and coach for the Roseville Fire Bears Robotics, introduced several coaches, mentors, parents, and students attending the meeting and provided an overview of the team's activities and accomplishments. He explained that the team participates in FIRST, which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," an organization focused on encouraging students to pursue STEM-related careers. He described robotics competitions as highly interactive, team-oriented activities that combine engineering, programming, and competitive events in a sports-like atmosphere with announcers, mascots, and cheering crowds.

Mr. Seiford explained that each season presents a completely new challenge requiring teams to design, build, program, and operate a new robot within a two-month timeframe before competing. He highlighted the team's successful season, including third-place finishes at competitions in Duluth and at the University of Minnesota, which qualified the team for the World Championships in Houston. He noted that approximately 600 of the world's top robotics teams competed at the championship event, with the Roseville Fire Bears finishing 34th out of 75 teams

in their division. He also reported that the team recently placed 12th at the Minnesota State High School League Robotics Championship out of 194 varsity robotics teams statewide.

Mr. Seiford indicated that the team is proud of its accomplishments and of the number of students pursuing future STEM careers, including engineering, astrophysics, and computer programming. He also discussed the importance of fundraising and sponsorships to support the program, noting that the team relies heavily on grants and corporate sponsors. He thanked the community for supporting robotics events hosted at Roseville Area High School. He encouraged residents to attend upcoming robotics tournaments scheduled for October before introducing student team captain Dylan to discuss the team's goals.

Dylan, a team captain with the Roseville Fire Bears Robotics, discussed the team's commitment to increasing diversity and inclusion within STEM programs. He explained that one of the team's primary goals is to ensure that the diversity of the student body is reflected within the robotics program by increasing participation from groups that have historically been underrepresented in STEM fields.

Dylan highlighted several initiatives undertaken during the season, including the creation of the RISE event, which stands for Robotics Inspires and Supports Everyone. Hosted at Roseville Area High School, the event focused on encouraging participation by female and non-binary students. As part of the initiative, the team's drive team, responsible for operating the robot during competitions, was composed entirely of female and non-binary students to provide greater visibility, experience, and encouragement for those participants.

Dylan also described the team's efforts to promote awareness and support for LGBTQ and neurodivergent students through presentations delivered at two off-season robotics events. In addition, team members served as guest speakers at the World Championship, where they shared insights on supporting neurodivergent students in robotics programs. He explained that these initiatives are intended to foster a more welcoming environment and improve representation for students who have traditionally been underrepresented in STEM-related activities and careers.

Mr. Seiford continued the presentation by emphasizing the team's efforts to increase participation by female students and minority students in STEM-related activities and careers. He noted that women remain significantly underrepresented in STEM fields and explained that increasing representation has been a long-term goal for the robotics program.

Mr. Seiford then introduced a demonstration video featuring the Roseville Fire Bears Robotics competition robot. He explained that the robotics competitions involve alliances of three robots competing against three opposing robots in a fast-paced game environment similar to a sporting event. During the match shown in

the video, teams attempted to score yellow foam balls into elevated scoring hubs, with the alliance earning the most points, winning the match.

Mr. Seiford emphasized that high school students designed, built, programmed, and operated the robots over roughly two months, describing the experience as a challenging yet engaging way to make STEM education more exciting and accessible. He also explained that competitions include innovation fairs, college recruiting opportunities, internships, and mentorship connections with former robotics participants who have pursued STEM careers and returned to support current students. He concluded by inviting residents and councilmembers to ask questions and view some of the robot components and game elements brought to the meeting.

Mayor Roe congratulated the members of the Roseville Fire Bears Robotics on their successful season and expressed strong support for the program's mission. Drawing on his own experience working in a STEM-related profession, he emphasized the importance of encouraging participation from students who may not traditionally see themselves pursuing STEM fields and helping them discover that science, technology, engineering, and mathematics can be both engaging and rewarding.

Mayor Roe commended the team's efforts to broaden participation and create opportunities for underrepresented groups, noting that such initiatives help expose more students to potential educational and career pathways. Reflecting humorously on his own high school years, he remarked that robotics at that time was largely associated with industrial manufacturing, such as automotive assembly lines, and observed how dramatically the field has evolved since then.

Mayor Roe noted, for those watching remotely, that a question had been asked about how residents could learn more about the Roseville Fire Bears Robotics. He indicated that the team maintains a website and is also active on social media, including Facebook and encouraged residents to follow the Fire Bears, learn more about their activities, and support the team's efforts when possible.

Councilmember Schroeder congratulated the members of the Roseville Fire Bears Robotics on their accomplishments and remarked that it was impressive to see the robot and learn more about the program. She noted that the competition video was especially engaging and thanked the team for the presentation.

Councilmember Schroeder also emphasized the importance of sharing the team's website with residents watching from home, both to learn more about the program and as a potential avenue for community members to support the team through fundraising and sponsorship.

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 6:19 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 6:21 p.m.

b. Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners

Mayor Roe introduced the second recognition of the evening, which honored community members who have served on city commissions and advisory bodies and whose terms of service were concluding. He noted that several volunteers had dedicated significant time and effort to serving the city and deserved recognition for their contributions.

Mayor Roe then invited Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson to present the recognition and acknowledge the individuals who were completing their service on the city's commissions and committees.

Assistant City Manager Rebecca Olson introduced the city's annual recognition of outgoing commissioners and expressed appreciation for their service to the Roseville community. She explained that commissioner positions are among the city's most demanding volunteer roles, requiring ongoing participation in meetings, preparation outside of meetings, and significant time devoted to reviewing materials, developing recommendations, advising the city council, and serving as a connection between residents and the city.

Ms. Olson noted that commissioners typically serve three-year terms, with many choosing to serve multiple terms, and emphasized the important role they play in helping improve the community.

Ms. Olson reported that Roseville currently has 42 volunteer commissioners serving across six city commissions and that commissioners contribute an average of 75 hours per term. She noted that seven commissioners would conclude their service in 2026 and each would receive a signed certificate of appreciation recognizing their contributions.

For the Finance Commission, which advises the city council on short- and long-term financial policy matters and reviews annual financial information, Ms. Olson recognized Siafa Barclay and Bruce Bester, both of whom were appointed in 2020.

For the Equity and Inclusion Commission, which advises the city council on equity and inclusion matters and provides feedback on policies and projects aimed at fostering an inclusive community, Ms. Olson recognized Alfred Chan, who was appointed in 2024.

For the Planning Commission, which reviews development proposals, land use applications, and planning policies, Ms. Olson recognized John Barstad, appointed in 2025, and Tam McGehee, appointed in 2019.

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For the Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission (PWET), which advises the city council and Public Works Department on public works, environmental, and transportation issues, Ms. Olson recognized Jarrod Cicha, appointed in 2020, and Des Mueller, appointed in 2023.

Ms. Olson concluded by thanking each commissioner for the time, expertise, and dedication they contributed to the city and community, noting that their service has provided valuable guidance to both staff and the city council.

Mayor Roe thanked the outgoing commissioners on behalf of the city council for their service and dedication to the Roseville community. He emphasized that commissioners serve as important representatives of residents by acting as additional eyes and ears for the council, bringing forward issues, perspectives, and recommendations that help inform council decision-making.

Mayor Roe noted that commission service requires a significant commitment of time and effort and highlighted that, unlike elected officials, volunteer commissioners serve without compensation while contributing their expertise and energy for the benefit of the community.

Mayor Roe expressed the council's appreciation for the commissioners' willingness to serve and acknowledged the value of their contributions to city government. He noted that at least one outgoing commissioner was present at the meeting, and he invited the individual to come forward to receive a certificate of appreciation and be recognized for their service. The council then acknowledged the commissioner and offered its thanks for their contributions to the city.

Mr. Bruce Bester came forward to the dais.

Councilmember Schroeder thanked Mr. Bester for all the hard work, which she appreciated.

Councilmember Bauer thanked Mr. Bester for all that he has done on the Finance Commission.

Mayor Roe thanked Mr. Bester for his years of service and expressed the council's appreciation for his contributions as a commissioner.

Mayor Roe invited the audience and councilmembers to recognize all of the departing commissioners with a round of applause. He remarked that Mr. Bester could share the appreciation and recognition with the other commissioners who were unable to attend the meeting, reiterating the city's gratitude for their collective service and commitment to the community.

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Councilmember Bauer noted that Roseville's commission program also includes youth commissioner positions, providing high school students with opportunities to participate in local government and community decision-making. He explained that some current youth commissioners would soon be completing their service as they graduate from high school and prepare to attend college.

Councilmember Bauer encouraged interested students to explore these volunteer opportunities by visiting the city's website or contacting city staff, emphasizing that service on a commission offers valuable experience and a meaningful way for young residents to become involved in their community.

Mayor Roe added that youth commissioner appointments typically follow the academic calendar, with terms generally lasting one school year. He explained that students usually become involved early in the calendar year and then serve throughout the following school year, providing an accessible opportunity for young residents to participate in local government.

Mayor Roe also noted that the council had not yet formally recognized the members of the Roseville Fire Bears Robotics with applause and invited attendees to acknowledge their accomplishments as well. After asking whether any other attendees were seeking recognition, he thanked everyone who had participated in the evening's presentations. He remarked that community recognitions are always an enjoyable part of council meetings.

Recess

Mayor Roe recessed the meeting at approximately 6:28 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 6:30 p.m.

c. LGBTQIA+ Month Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the LGBTQIA+ Month Proclamation.

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, to proclaim June 2026 as LGBTQIA+ Month.

Councilmember Groff reflected on the importance of the council's proclamations and public recognitions, particularly those related to inclusion and support for the LGBTQIA community. He remarked that, having witnessed periods when gay individuals faced significant discrimination, he believes it remains important for local governments to reaffirm community values of acceptance and inclusion publicly.

Councilmember Groff acknowledged that while many people may feel LGBTQIA individuals are more accepted today, recent national political debates demonstrate that concerns about discrimination and exclusion still exist. He emphasized that the City of Roseville should continue clearly expressing that all residents, including

members of the LGBTQIA community, are welcome and valued members of the community.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

d. Gun Violence Awareness Day and Month Proclamation

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

Schroeder moved, and Groff seconded, proclaiming June 5, 2026, as Gun Violence Awareness Day and June 2026 as Gun Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Roe noted that, in Councilmember Strahan's absence, it was important to recognize her leadership and advocacy regarding the proclamation and related efforts over the past several years. He expressed appreciation for Councilmember Strahan's work in advancing the initiative and helping ensure that the city continues to demonstrate its commitment to gun violence awareness. Mayor Roe indicated that her contributions should be acknowledged as part of the council's discussion and recognition of the proclamation.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

e. Juneteenth Proclamation

Mayor Roe read the Juneteenth Proclamation.

Groff moved, Schroeder seconded, proclaiming June 19, 2026, Juneteenth Day.

Councilmember Groff commented that reviewing the historical context of the proclamation and related observances provides additional perspective and meaning to the discussion. He noted that understanding history complements the remarks made earlier by representatives of the Juneteenth Planning Committee and reinforces the importance of recognizing and reflecting on the community's efforts toward inclusion and understanding.

Councilmember Groff indicated that he looks forward to the city's continued engagement with these initiatives and thanked those involved for their contributions.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, 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 Trudgeon briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 18, 2026.

City Manager Trudgeon explained that the city code authorizes the city to certify certain delinquent payments against properties when charges remain unpaid for more than 90 days. He noted that these delinquent obligations may include false alarm fees, water and sewer utility charges, and other unpaid city fees.

Mr. Trudgeon indicated that before certification occurs, property owners may appear before the city council at a public hearing to dispute any charges assessed against their property.

Mr. Trudgeon advised that the list of delinquent charges eligible for certification was included in the council packet. He stated that the staff was requesting the adoption of a resolution authorizing the certification process. If approved, the delinquent amounts would be certified to the county and subsequently collected through the property tax system, with the city receiving payment as property owners make their semiannual tax payments. He concluded by offering to answer any questions from the council regarding the proposed certification of delinquent charges.

Councilmember Groff noted that there is a penalty associated with the certification process because it imposes additional administrative costs on the city. He noted that when delinquent charges must be certified to the county for collection through property taxes, the city incurs expenses related to that process and therefore applies a charge to help recover those costs.

Mayor Roe noted that property owners generally have the option to pay delinquent charges directly to the city before the amounts are collected through the property tax process. He indicated that, if he recalled correctly, property owners can satisfy the outstanding balance before the tax payment cycle, thereby resolving the obligation before the county collects it as part of their property taxes.

City Manager Trudgeon clarified that the delinquent charges included in the council packet reflected balances that remained unpaid as of April. He explained that any payments received by the city before May 8 would not be certified to the county. Mr. Trudgeon acknowledged Mayor Roe's observation that property owners have the opportunity to pay outstanding balances after receiving notice and before

certification. He indicated that, once notified, property owners may choose to pay the charges directly to the city, thereby avoiding certification of the delinquent amounts to the county property tax rolls.

Mayor Roe reviewed public hearing protocol and opened and closed the public hearing at approximately 6:42 p.m. to receive public input on the above-referenced utility charges added to the property tax rolls, with no one appearing for or against.

Schroeder moved, Groff seconded, adoption of Resolution No. 12245 (Attachment 2) entitled, "Resolution Directing the County Auditor to Levy Unpaid Water, Sewer and Other City Charges for Payable 2010 or Beyond."

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

b. Consider an Abatement Request for Unresolved City Code Violations at 648 Iona Lane

This item was removed from the agenda.

c. Report on City Manager Performance Review Conducted May 11, 2026

Mayor Roe briefly highlighted this item as detailed in the Request For Council Action and related attachments dated May 18, 2026.

Mayor Roe reported on the City Council's annual performance evaluation of City Manager Trudgeon, noting that the review was conducted in closed session, as permitted by state law. He explained that while such evaluations may be conducted in an open meeting at the employee's request, Mr. Trudgeon elected to have the review completed in closed session. He noted that state law requires the council to report the results of the evaluation publicly.

Mayor Roe described the evaluation process as comprehensive, incorporating feedback from Mr. Trudgeon's direct reports, city councilmembers, and members of the public who provided comments during the review period. He indicated that the feedback received was overwhelmingly positive and reflected strong support for Mr. Trudgeon's leadership and performance over the previous year.

Mayor Roe observed that the city had faced several significant challenges during the past twelve months and that both staff and councilmembers consistently recognized Mr. Trudgeon's effectiveness in guiding the organization through those circumstances and helping the city move forward.

Based on the evaluation results, Mayor Roe reported that the council authorized Mr. Trudgeon's annual step increase and cost-of-living adjustment, consistent with the compensation adjustments provided to city employees. He also expressed the

council's appreciation for Mr. Trudgeon's service and noted its desire to continue working with him in the future.

Mayor Roe further explained that the council would later consider approval of Mr. Trudgeon's goals for the coming year as part of the consent agenda. He acknowledged the work of Councilmember Schroeder and Councilmember Bauer, who served on the council subcommittee that worked closely with Mr. Trudgeon to develop the proposed goals and assisted with the evaluation process. He concluded by inviting any additional comments from fellow councilmembers regarding the review.

Councilmember Groff expressed appreciation to Councilmember Bauer and Councilmember Schroeder for their work on the City Manager evaluation process. He noted that they conducted a thorough review and prepared information that helped the full council complete its evaluation efficiently and effectively. He indicated that their efforts were greatly appreciated and thanked them for the time and attention they devoted to the process.

Mayor Roe added his thanks to the city staff members who participated in the evaluation process and provided feedback through the survey component of the review. He remarked that staff input was an important part of the council's assessment and contributed to the evaluation's thoroughness.

Mayor Roe again thanked City Manager Trudgeon for his service to the community during the past year and reiterated the council's appreciation for his leadership and contributions to the organization. He expressed the council's desire to continue working with him in the years ahead, then invited Mr. Trudgeon to offer any comments he wished to make on the evaluation.

City Manager Trudgeon thanked the council and city staff for their feedback throughout the evaluation process, noting that the input he receives helps him become a better city manager. He expressed appreciation for the thoughtful review and the opportunity to learn from the perspectives of councilmembers and employees.

Mr. Trudgeon stated that he is honored to continue serving as Roseville's city manager and thanked the council for its confidence in his leadership. He remarked that he enjoys the position, values the opportunity to work on behalf of the community, and remains committed to serving the city for as long as he is able. He concluded by expressing gratitude for the opportunity to continue in the role and for the support he has received from the council and staff.

Mayor Roe added that one often-overlooked aspect of a city manager's role is the unique challenge of working effectively for multiple elected officials simultaneously. He observed that city managers in council-manager forms of

government effectively have five bosses, referring to the members of the City Council, while some communities have even larger councils.

Mayor Roe remarked that managing those differing perspectives and priorities can be challenging and commended Mr. Trudgeon for handling that responsibility with professionalism and skill. He noted that the council greatly appreciates Mr. Trudgeon's ability to navigate that dynamic successfully. He then concluded the discussion of the city manager's evaluation, noting that no further council action was required at that time.

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 May 4, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

Schroeder moved, Bauer seconded, approval of the May 4, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, 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 18, 2026, and related attachments.

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

Roll Call

Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

a. Approve Payments

ACH Payments	\$217,565.70
115341-115492	1,486,617.44
TOTAL	\$1,704,183.14

b. Approve renewal of 2 a.m. Liquor Permit for Double Tree Hotel Roseville

c. Approve 1 Temporary Gambling Permit

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- d. **Approve the Issuance of a Premise Permit for Roseville Area Youth Hockey Association to Conduct Lawful Gambling Activities at 1145 Woodhill Dr (VFW Post 7555)**
- e. **Approve General Purchases or Sale of Surplus Items Exceeding \$10,000**
- f. **Approve Proposal for Construction Materials Testing for the Hamline Avenue Rehabilitation Project (26-01)**
- g. **Approve Proposal for Construction Materials Testing for the 2026 Pavement Management Project (26-04)**
- h. **Approve Resolution Awarding Contract for 2026 Pavement Management Project**
- i. **Approve Ramsey County Agreement for County Road C from Lexington Avenue to Rice Street**
- j. **Authorize Agreement with HKGi for Planning and Design Services for Concept and Feasibility Planning of a Nature Play Area at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center**
- k. **Approve House Burn Training Agreement for 1015 County Road B2 West**
- l. **Approval of an Application for U.S. Department of Justice Grant Funding to Reduce Crime and Recidivism**
- m. **Approve City Manager Goals for 2026-27**

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

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon reviewed the June 8, 2026, City Council meeting, June 15, 2026, City Council meeting, and the June 2026 City Events and July Meetings.

12. Adjourn

Groff moved, Bauer seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Roll Call

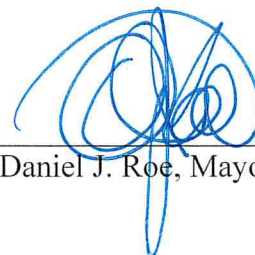
Ayes: Groff, Bauer, Schroeder, and Roe.

Nays: None.

ATTEST:



Patrick J. Trudgeon, City Manager



Daniel J. Roe, Mayor