

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY – JUNE 14, 2010 @ 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A special meeting of the Roseau City Council was held on the above date, time and place. Members present being Mayor Jeff Pelowski, Council Members Linda Vatsdal, Gerry Schiltz, Curt Ireland and Pat Novacek. Others present being Community Development Coordinator Todd Peterson, Attorney Michelle Moren, Superintendent David Drown, Police Chief Ward Anderson, and Jack Swanson-Wild102,.

The Mayor opened the meeting and the pledge of allegiance was said

Mayor Jeff Pelowski opened discussion on the ability of the Roseau City Council to be able to offer an early retirement incentive to an employee covered under a collective bargaining agreement. City Attorney Michelle Moren stated that the City may offer an early retirement incentive to employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement so long as the offer is voluntary and a representative from the Collective Bargaining Unit approves and signs off on the offer. Attorney Michelle Moren provided a sample “Voluntary Early Retirement Agreement and Waiver and Release by Employee” for City Council review.

The City Council discussed the proposed “Assistance Agreement” with the Roseau Electric Cooperative. This proposed written agreement would formalize an informal verbal agreement the City currently has with the Roseau Electric Cooperative for contracted lineman services on the City’s electrical distribution system. The City has requested that the agreement be modified slightly to include extending the duration to at least 18 months among other minor changes. The Roseau Electric Cooperative has verbally agreed to all of the City’s requested changes, but the City has not received a new draft from the Cooperative’s attorney. City Superintendent Drown indicated that now is the right time to determine if contracting for lineman services is a viable option for the City of Roseau.

After discussion Curt Ireland motioned, seconded by Linda Vatsdal to approve the assistance agreement between the Roseau Electric Cooperative and authorize signature by the Mayor conditioned on getting a formal agreement that is acceptable to both City Attorney Michelle Moren and City Superintendent David Drown.

Those voting in favor of the motion: Pelowski, Ireland, Novacek and Vatsdal
Those voting against the motion: Schiltz
The motion passed.

The Council discussed the request from Tom Hovorka for an early retirement incentive under the City’s Early Retirement Policy adopted March 6, 2000. After considerable discussion Curt Ireland motioned, Linda Vatsdal seconded and it was carried by unanimous vote to offer Tom Hovorka an early retirement incentive of ½ of his current salary (\$26,640) to be paid out over the next 60 months (\$444/mo.) contingent upon Tom Hovorka and the Employees Association Representative’s acceptance and signature of a Voluntary Early Retirement Agreement and Waiver and Release by Employee to be provided by the City Attorney.

The Council discussed the request from Sue Jennings for an early retirement incentive under the City’s Early Retirement Policy adopted March 6, 2000. After discussion Linda Vatsdal motioned, Pat Novacek seconded and it was carried by unanimous vote to reject Sue Jennings early retirement request on the basis that the City may not receive any benefit from this retirement.

Councilmember Ireland motioned, Councilmember Schiltz seconded and it was carried by unanimous vote that there was no further business, therefore the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Community Development
Coordinator

Mayor