



City Offices will be closed for the following holidays

December 25th
Christmas

January 1st
New Year's Day

January 15th
MLK Day

February 18th
President's Day

City Approves Highway 89 Urban Corridor Study

At its meeting in November the Roseau City Council authorized Houston Engineering, the city's engineer, to undertake a highway design study of Minnesota Trunk Highway 89 to determine the potential benefits of converting the highway from a rural design to an urban design.

A rural design highway is typically elevated with large drainage ditches on either side. In urban settings, generally highways are lowered to employ curb and gutter streets with underground storm water infrastructure allowing for pedestrian facilities and lighting adjacent to the highway to increase efficiency and safety for both motoring and pedestrian traffic.

The growth of the City to the west and south over the past 30 years has caused considerable changes near Highway 89 resulting in more auto, pedestrian and bicycle traffic between 7th Street SW and Minnesota

Highway 11.

The City of Roseau has for the past 20 years repeatedly made requests to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to address the deficiencies of Highway 89's rural design and to consider an urban design upgrade.

However, because of limited funding the project has never ranked high enough on the MnDOT District 2's capital improvements listing to ever be considered for construction. Pavement preservation utilizes most of District 2's annual funding and upgrades are rarely funded without a special funding source. As a result, MnDOT District 2 leadership has suggested the city undertake a planning study of the corridor to provide a basis for an application for special funding to be able to undertake an improvement project on Highway 89.

Houston Engineering has worked closely with MnDOT District 2 staff to determine



IMPROVE FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE BY REMOVING SNOW FROM FIRE HYDRANTS



the scope of the design study. Houston staff will assess the existing highway shoulders, street approaches, intersection movements, pedestrian access, lighting, and drainage on the highway segment. The ultimate goal is to highlight the improved utility, safety and aesthetics that an urban design roadway would provide the community.

The analysis is expected to take around 4-5 months to complete with the final report available for seeking funding in early 2019.

City Election Results

The 2018 City Council Ballot had no contested elections. Mayor Jeff Pelowski ran unopposed for Mayor receiving 955 votes. Councilmember Amy Bassingthwaite ran unopposed for her council seat and received 800 votes. Brady Johnson ran for a council seat being vacated by Councilmember Don Ross and received 820 votes. All three newly elected councilmembers will be sworn into office on January 7th. Congratulations to our newly elected councilmembers!

Polaris Breaks Ground on Lobby Expansion

On October 5th members of the Roseau community celebrated with Polaris officials the groundbreaking on a \$2.1 million lobby expansion and renovation at the Roseau facility. The lobby project will provide a more welcoming area for both staff and visitors to the Roseau Facility. Not only will this project improve the facility's aesthetics, but it will also provide for better flow, safety and security for the main lobby. The new lobby is designed with a full glass facade capable of showcasing all the products produced at Polaris. Interior work will occur over the winter with the addition breaking ground in the spring

The City is providing assistance to the lobby expansion project by relocating a water main that is located within the footprint of the new lobby expansion.

Ground breaking ceremony photo from left to right: Anthony Pekarek, Jeff Pelowski, Nathan Hanson, Ron Rockis, Mitchell Johnson and Ben Dieter.



Final City Budget Discussions

At its December meeting the Roseau City Council will finalize the 2019 budget. The proposed budget includes \$14.1 million in revenue and \$14.2 million in expenses for a negative budget of approximately \$100,000. The 2019 budget includes a 0% increase in the tax levy and no increases in any utility rates.

The budget includes a number of small capital improvement projects around town, and a large \$4 million project included for reconstruction work at the Roseau Municipal Airport. Between 75-90% of the airport improvements will be reimbursed by the State and FAA..

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

If your regular trash collection day falls on a city holiday your collection will be moved to the next business day. So if your regular day is Monday and this is a holiday your collection will occur on Tuesday. In the event that Friday is a holiday, pickup will occur on the following Monday. For more information on trash collection contact the City Utility Department at 463-2351.

Airport Terminal Building Under Construction

Construction on the new airport terminal at the Roseau Municipal Airport is well underway. The project contractor, Rod Wulff Construction, is estimating a February completion date for the facility, approximately five month ahead of schedule. When complete the new terminal building will be nearly three times as large as the existing terminal that was constructed in the 1960's.



Terminal Construction

The new facility will provide a passenger lounge area, a pilot's lounge and planning area, kitchenette, restrooms, conference room, two private offices and a storage area.

Two on-airport tenants will also be housed in this new facility. Polaris Industries will be leasing two private offices in the new terminal building to accommodate their shuttle pilots. Additionally the Minnesota DNR will be leasing the facility's conference room and a portion of the storage area seasonally for their summer fire-watch operations stationed at the Roseau Airport.

The airport terminal building is the front door to our community for hundreds of pilots and passengers from around the world each year. This new facility will better represent our community to the world.

SNOW REMOVAL SEASON

Snow season is upon us and residents are reminded that a snow emergency may be called by the Superintendent or Police Chief anytime snow conditions on the streets warrant, regardless of the amount of snow that has actually fallen. Typically, snow removal on city streets begins at 2:00 a.m. after a snowfall of 1/2" or more. However, weather conditions may warrant removal activities at other times as well. No vehicles may be parked on a snow covered street, during removal, until that street is plowed from curb to curb.

Any vehicle left on the street during snow removal may be ticketed and towed without warning.

The City recommends that all residents identify off-street parking areas for use throughout the winter, but especially during snowfall events and other winter conditions that make snow removal activities necessary, such a strong winds and blowing snow. Please keep boulevards clear of planters, sports equipment, lighting and other items that can be damaged by snow removal activities.

Residents are also reminded to keep all sidewalks clear of ice and snow.



Please use caution around snow removal equipment as operators have limited visibility and maneuverability.

CITY SNOWMOBILE ROUTES

The City of Roseau maintains designated snowmobile routes through town. Please keep all snowmobile's on these designated routes only. Please note that the East Diversion lands south of MN Hwy 11 are closed to snowmobile traffic. For more information and snowmobile route maps contact the Roseau Police Department

1968 Generation Exhibit

In March of 2019 the Roseau County Museum will host the traveling exhibit: Coming of Age, The 1968 Generation. Discover how Minnesota teens came of age in the 1960's, a decade when people fought for liberty, feminism rose, television shows proliferated, the draft knocked, music "was huge," fashion showed its colors and assassinations betrayed something "very wrong in this country." The Roseau County Museum is currently seeking items from that time period, such as clothes, fixtures, publications, stories about what you remember from that time. Contact Museum Staff at 463-1918 with any questions.

Girlfriends Winter Break-Away



Mark your calendar for the 5th Girlfriends Winter Break-Away, April 13, 2019 in Roseau. Girlfriends Winter Break-Away is for ladies to come together for a day of fun, laughter, and take a break from the daily grind. The day includes make and take classes such as; creating a fairy garden, canvas painting, Chalk Couture, jewelry making, and much more. The day also has spa-like sessions by skin-care consultants and massages. Watch for more information coming soon. Like us on Facebook. Sponsored by the Roseau Convention & Visitors Bureau.

2020 U.S. Census

Preparation for the 2020 Decennial Census has begun. The upcoming 2020 decennial census is the once-a-decade population and housing count of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas as required by the U.S. Constitution. The results of the decennial census are extremely important as they determine the number of seats for each state in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts and to distribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds each year.

The U.S. Census Bureau, who undertakes the decennial census survey, is the federal government's largest statistical agency and they are dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all of the information the Census Bureau collects. Participating in Census Bureau censuses and surveys is safe. Your answers are protected by law and are not shared with anyone.

The City of Roseau is assisting Census Bureau staff in identifying every possible residential address so that everyone receives a survey and an accurate count of all residents can be obtained. The City asks that when residents receive their census survey in April 2020 they complete them (either online or by mail) to ensure a complete and accurate count for our community.

The Census requires an extensive number of temporary employees to undertake. Anyone interested in being part of the 2020 Census team should apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-562-2020.



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Memorial Arena Undergoes Emergency Repairs to Ice Plant

In September, City Crews began the normal winter season start-up for the City-owned Memorial Ice Arena, but just a few days into start-up the ice plant suffered a catastrophic failure in which two of the three ice making compressors were damaged beyond repair. The City immediately contacted its refrigeration contractor, Commercial Refrigeration, to help assess the damages and develop a plan for getting the system back up and running again. After about a week of assessment the City and Commercial Refrigeration were able to locate two replacement compressors to install into the arena to have the system back running by early October.

After consultation with three sepa-

rate refrigeration experts the city was able to determine that one compressor failed due to an electrical short and a faulty emergency shut-off switch which caused the compressor to run beyond its limits. However, the cause of the second compressor failure is still undetermined and may have been as a result of normal fatigue. It is not unusual for a single compressor to fail in this manner and that is why multiple compressors are employed in a system, but for two out of three to fail within a period of a few hours is fairly unprecedented. The cost of the repairs to make the arena operational again was approximately \$80,000; however, the city had budgeted for compressor work in the amount of \$35,000 in 2018, so a portion of the repair costs were covered with existing funds.

The newly installed compressors should serve Memorial Arena for many years, but unfortunately the refrigerant utilized in the system, R-22, is a substance being phased out on January 1, 2020 due to environmental concerns. After that date, R-22 can no longer be produced or imported into the United States. The city's plan is to continue to utilize our renovated R-22 system as long as existing and recycled stockpiles of R-22 are available within the U.S. At some point, thought to be years down the road, Memorial Arena will need to convert to another refrigeration system due to either a shortage of R-22 refrigerant or R-22 compressor parts, as R-22 systems become obsolete. Nevertheless, for the foreseeable future, the plan is to continue to maintain the existing system that is in good working order today.