

SPECIAL ROSEAU CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY – December 8, 2022
12:45 P.M.

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In person meeting
121 Center Street East Suite 201
Roseau, MN 56751

A Special meeting of the Roseau City Council was held on the above date, time, and place. Members present were, Mayor Dan Fabian, Councilmembers: Pat Novacek, Amy Bassingthwaite, Brady Johnson, Mary Hayes Absent: none. Others present were Community Development Coordinator Todd Peterson, City Attorney Michelle Moren, MN State Patrol Capt. Mike Wedin, TRF Police Chief Marissa Adam, Police Officer Joshua Walker, Police Officer Marc Hodge, Police Officer Daniel Berggren and Police Chief Ward Anderson.

Mayor Dan Fabian called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to interview candidates for the Roseau Police Chief position. Interviewees included:

- 1:00 PM – Police Officer Joshua Walker – Fairmont Police Department
- 2:00 PM – Police Officer Marc Hodge – Roseau Police Department
- 3:00 PM – Police Officer Daniel Berggren – Roseau Police Department

City Attorney Michelle Moren provided some background information on the interview process and the procedure for conducting interviews. Each interviewee will be asked the same series of questions by the interview panel, made up of the following persons: Mayor Dan Fabian, Councilmembers Pat Novacek, Amy Bassingthwaite, Brady Johnson, Hayes, TRF Police Chief Marissa Adam, and Minnesota State Patrol Captain Mike Wedin.

At 1:00 pm the City Council conducted an interview with Police Officer Joshua Walker currently with the Fairmont Police Department. The interview concluded at 1:42 pm. The Council discussed the answers that were given during the interview.

At 2:00 pm the City Council conducted an interview with Police Officer Marc Hodge currently with the Roseau Police Department. The interview concluded at 2:25 pm. The Council discussed the answers that were given during the interview.

At 3:00 pm the City Council conducted an interview with Police Officer Dan Berggren currently with the Roseau Police Department. The interview concluded at 3:32 pm. The Council discussed the answers that were given during the interview.

There was considerable discussion about the three candidates. It was consensus that the two internal candidates were better qualified for the Chief opening than the outside candidate. Both internal candidates were similarly qualified but would bring different strengths to the position.

After considerable discussion and the ranking of the candidates, Pat Novacek motioned to make a conditional offer of the Chief of Police at Grade 12, Step 3 to Officer Marc Hodge, pending a satisfactory background check review by the Operations Committee, seconded by Amy Bassingthwaite. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Fabian thanked TRF Police Chief Marissa Adam and State Patrol Captain Mike Wedin for assisting in the process.

There being no further business Council member Amy Bassingthwaite motioned to adjourn the meeting the motion died for a lack of second.

The City Council invited Officer Hodge back to the Council Chambers to make the job offer. Mayor Fabian presented the offer to Officer Hodge, and he accepted the Chief's position, pending the completion of the background check. Chief Anderson asked when Officer Hodge could begin working with him on Chief duties. It was Council consensus that newly selected Police Chief Hodge should begin the transition process immediately. Chief Anderson also requested to immediately advertise for a new police officer to replace Office Hodge. The Council asked if he needed permission to do so, it was noted that it was not customary for the council to authorize the filling of vacant positions and Chief Anderson will proceed in advertising for a new police officer.

There being no further business Council member Amy Bassingthwaite motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Council member Brady Johnson and approved by unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Community Development Coordinator, Todd Peterson

Mayor Dan Fabian