

SPECIAL ROSEAU CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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THURSDAY – November 2, 2023

1:00 P.M.

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, Gary Przekwas, Mike Picard and Payton Hill (via MS Teams).

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 Public Works Director position. Interviewees included:

- 1:15 PM – Gary Przekwas – City of Roseau
- 2:15 PM – Mike Picard – City of Roseau
- 3:15 PM – Payton Hill – City of Apple Valley

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 City Council.

At 1:15 pm the City Council conducted an interview with Gary Przekwas currently the Assistant City Superintendent with the City of Roseau. The interview concluded at 2:00 pm. The Council discussed the answers that were given during the interview.

At 2:15 pm the City Council conducted an interview with Mike Picard currently the Utility Coordinator for the City of Roseau. The interview concluded at 3:05 pm. The Council discussed the answers that were given during the interview.

At 3:15 pm the City Council conducted an interview with Payton Hill currently with the Street Department of the City of Apple Valley. The interview concluded at 4:10 pm. The Council discussed the answers that were given during the interview.

There was considerable discussion by the City Council about the three candidates. It was consensus that the two internal candidates were better qualified for the Director position than the outside candidate and that the internal candidates would bring different strengths to the position. After reviewing each candidate's interview rankings, Gary Przekwas was the unanimous top candidate amongst the Councilmembers.

Councilmember Pat Novacek motioned to make an offer of the Public Works Director at Grade 13, Step D to Gary Przekwas, seconded by Mary Hayes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

ATTEST:

Community Development Coordinator, Todd Peterson

Mayor Dan Fabian