

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2025
6:06 p.m.
ROYALTON CITY CENTER

Call to order/Attendance

On roll call members present were: Weiss-Pesta, Sowada, Cimenski, and Verley. Lanners arriving late.

People present: Jason McDonald, Police Chief; Tom Kalis, Public Works Superintendent; Greg Gallus; Wayne LePard, Royalton School Superintendent; Lucas Boyd, Royalton School Board, Maria Traut, Royalton School Board and Leah Walberg, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Closed meeting was held for performance evaluations of Police Chief Jason McDonald, and Public Works Supervisor, Tom Kalis. Meeting was closed as permitted by MN Statute section 13D.05 subdivision 3.

Safety Resource Officer

The council reviewed presented numbers about the additional benefits that would be permitted to the Safety Resource Officer due to his/her hiring as a full time officer for the city. The cost was presented to be based on an hourly wage, an estimated \$56,000 reimbursable amount from the school based on the amount of contact hours of 1376. Lanners would like to see a higher dollar amount from the school to account for the extra benefits the city residents would have to pay because they live in the city and school district. The school appeared to be steadfast on just the estimated amount. Sowada moved to approve a 2-year contract with hiring a Safety Resource Officer, 2nd by Weiss-Pesta. Put to a roll call vote, Weiss-Pesta, Sowada, Cimenski and Lanners voting aye. Verley voting nay. Motion carried.

Banyon Data Systems Timecard Module

Verley moved to approve the proposed amount of \$2,590.50 for the Timecard Module from Banyon Data Systems, 2nd by Sowada. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Pro Workforce Contract

Due to the addition of a city administrator, the council would like to bring payroll back to city control therefore the contract with Pro Workforce would need to be terminated with a 60 day advance notice. Lanners moved to approve the termination of the contract with Pro Workforce 2nd by Sowada. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Sourcewell Boost Grant

Mayor Weiss-Pesta informed the council about the opportunity to apply for a Boost Grant up to \$2000.00 from Sourcewell for a new computer for the city administrator. Sowada moved to approve up to \$2,000.00 for the Sourcewell Boost Grant, 2nd by Cimenski. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

2026-2027 AFSCME Contract

Tabled to December meeting.

2026 Pay Scale

Tabled to December meeting.

Dr. Tessia Melvin, David Drown and Associates

A proposal for the comp and class was presented earlier in the year to look into all of the departments in the city. Verley moved to approve DDA to conduct the comp and class for the remaining departments, 2nd by Sowada. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

December 9, 2025 meeting

Due to absences, the regular December meeting will be moved to December 9, 2025 at 7:00pm. The December 2, 2025 will remain due to the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

2026 Budget Review

The 2026 Budget was reviewed with monetary updates due to changes and additions to personnel.

Adjournment

Verley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m., 2nd by Cimenski. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Leah Walberg

City Clerk/Treasurer Leah Walberg