

Rutland City Council
July 8, 2024
Organization Meeting

The Rutland City Council organization meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Mahrer. Council members Anderson, Lysne and McLaen present. City Auditor also present. Others present: Kim Liebold.

Oaths of Office: Re-elected Council Members Bill Anderson and Delores Lysne submitted their notarized Oath of Office for the four-year term, July 1, 2024 – July 30, 2028. Mayor Michael Mahrer was re-elected to another four-year term and submitted his Oath of Office.

President: The Mayor called three times for nominations for Council President. Anderson nominated Rodney Erickson. Lysne seconded the nomination and asked that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot declared. Motion carried.

Vice-President: The Mayor called three times for nominations for Council Vice President. Anderson nominated Lori McLaen. Lysne seconded the nomination and asked that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot declared. Motion carried.

Appointments: Mayor Mahrer made the following appointments: City Attorney – LeeAnn Even, City Auditor – Deborah Banish, and City Engineer – Interstate Engineering. Anderson/McLaen moved to concur with the appointments. Motion carried.

Newspaper: Lysne/Anderson moved to designate the Sargent County Teller as the Official Newspaper for the City, as approved by voters in the June election. Motion carried.

Portfolio Assignments: Lysne/McLaen moved to keep the portfolio assignments the same. Motion carried.

Park Board Appointment: The Auditor reported that there is one vacancy on the Park Board following the June election. Two members were on the ballot – Hal Nelson and Andrea Erickson. The third was a write-in candidate; a current Park Board member received the most write in votes so there is a vacancy. Lysne/Anderson moved to appoint Richard “Mac” Pherson to the Park Board vacancy for two-years, until the next election, when the position will be on the ballot again for the remaining two-years of the term. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah Banish, City Auditor

Michael Mahrer, Mayor