

City of Roseville
Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 13, 2014

I. Call to Order

Chair Fjelstad called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Norine Quick-Lindberg, Nancy O'Brien, Matthew Becker, Margo Fjelstad, and Ben Lehman

Members Absent:

None.

Others Present:

Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager

II. Approve Minutes of May 14, 2014

Lehman moved to approve the May 14, 2014 minutes, seconded by Becker.

Ayes All.

III. Recap of the Joint Meeting with the City Council

Commissioners Lehman and O'Brien reported back on the discussion at the Joint Meeting with the City Council, which included amending the Ethics Code and the Ethics Training this past April. Overall the amendment to the Ethics Code was well received by the City Council and approved later in that night's meeting. The Commission also received positive comments from the City Council regarding this year's Ethics Training. The Commission discussed and agreed to have the next Joint Meeting with the City Council in May of 2015.

IV. 2015 Ethics Training

City Manager Trudgeon suggested that the 2015 Ethics Training be held on April 8, 2015. The Commission agreed to hold the training on April 8, 2015. Chair Fjelstad asked for volunteers to serve on a sub-committee to help organize the training. Commissioners O'Brien and Becker volunteered to serve on the sub-committee. It was agreed that the sub-committee meet before the November meeting. City Manager Trudgeon asked the whole Commission if there were any topics or speakers that they would like to see. Discussion amongst the Commission indicated that having the City Attorney come back to speak more specifically about areas of the Ethics Code would be beneficial. The Commission agreed to have the sub-committee work on focusing the training down to some specific issues.

V. Training for New Ethics Commissioners

VI. On-Going Training for Ethics Commissioners

Commissioner O'Brien brought forward her thoughts about the need for training new and existing Commissioners through reading and discussing ethics. O'Brien brought forward a list of resources regarding government ethics. O'Brien suggested that the Commission prepare a packet about government ethics that can be shared with new Ethics Commissioners. She also suggested that perhaps that for each meeting the Commission reads and discusses an article about government ethics.

Commissioner Lehman likes CityEthics.org as it prints out articles about ethical considerations for governmental employees and officials. Commissioner O'Brien mentioned Robert Weschler's book about ethics and his summary publication called "Local Government Ethics in a Nutshell". The Commission agreed to read the document and discuss as part of the next meeting.

City Manager Trudgeon showed examples some other government ethics resources on the internet.

Commissioner Quick-Lindberg suggested working on a mock ethics complaint as way for training and learning about the Ethics Code. The Commission liked the idea and mentioned that it might be worthwhile to do as part of the 2015 Ethics Training.

VII. Discuss Ethics Tip

Commissioner O'Brien brought forward an Ethics Tip regarding government ethics. The Commission thought it was great ethics tip and tied very nicely to the Roseville Ethics Code. The Commission directed the City Manager to publish the tip on the City website.

VIII. Other Business

The City Manager stated that there has not been any ethics complaints forwarded to the City Manager's Office or to the City Attorney.

IX. Adjourn

Becker moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. and O'Brien seconded.
Ayes All.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick J. Trudgeon
City Manager