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City of Rolling Meadows Earns 'AA+' Rating with Stable Outlook

S&P Highlights Exceptional Management

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. (December 8, 2025) - The City of Rolling Meadows is pleased to announce that S&P Global Ratings has affirmed the City's **'AA+' long-term credit rating** with a **Stable** outlook following its recent review of the City's financial and operational performance.

In its report, S&P recognized Rolling Meadows for its **exceptional management practices**, awarding the City the **highest possible management score ("1")** under its credit factor assessment. This top-tier score reflects the rating agency's view that the City's financial and organizational leadership is a key contributor to Rolling Meadows' strong credit position.

Strong Management Praised for Robust Planning and Long-Term Stability

According to S&P, Rolling Meadows' management team demonstrates **robust policy frameworks, prudent long-term financial planning, and transparent reporting practices**, all of which support the City's continued fiscal stability. The agency highlighted:

- Use of historical trends and independent data sources in budget development.
- A detailed five-year capital planning process with identified funding sources.
- Long-term financial projections that guide property tax levy decisions.
- Regular quarterly financial reporting to the City Council.
- Formal investment, reserve, and debt management policies believed to be aligned with best practices.

These strengths contributed to S&P's assessment of Rolling Meadows' **predictable financial performance**, strong reserve levels, and effective policymaking—ultimately supporting the **AA+** rating.

Stable Outlook Supported by Strong Financial Discipline

S&P's Stable outlook reflects confidence in the City's ability to maintain balanced operations, even as it strategically uses reserves to support one-time capital investments. The agency

emphasized that Rolling Meadows benefits from its **home rule revenue flexibility, steady economic base, and consistent management of budgetary pressures**, including its pension obligations.

City Leadership Comments

"We are extremely proud of the AA+ rating and especially of the exceptional management score awarded to Rolling Meadows," said Rob Sabo, City Manager. "This recognition reflects our City's ongoing commitment to transparency, long-term financial responsibility, and thoughtful stewardship of taxpayer resources."

"Our residents and businesses benefit directly from this strong credit position," added Molly Talkington, Finance Director. "It allows us to finance key capital projects at lower cost and maintain the high level of service our community expects."

About the Rating

S&P Global Ratings assigned the AA+ rating to the City's upcoming **\$6.27 million Series 2026 General Obligation Bonds**, while affirming the AA+ rating on existing debt. The rating highlights the City's strong local economy, stable revenue profile, and disciplined financial management. The upcoming debt issuance will be used to fund road improvement projects Citywide.

About the City of Rolling Meadows

Rolling Meadows is a vibrant community located 27 miles northwest of downtown Chicago and adjacent to major transportation corridors and O'Hare International Airport. The City is home to a diverse mix of businesses, residential neighborhoods, and commercial centers, making it one of the region's most dynamic suburban communities.

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