

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 7:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Mayor Weisensel called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Freske, Essler and Klimpel. Councilmember Theisen was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Weisensel Second by Freske

Motion to approve the agenda

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Arlos Strata (*unable to confirm spelling of name*)

8302 143rd Street West

Mr. Strata voiced concerns regarding the proposed Meta Facility; the environmental impact that needs to be discussed and the possible land contamination on the site. He also questioned why there is a focus on Rosemount for projects like this and why is Meta focused on this specific piece of land? Mr. Strata stated residents should be asking these questions.

Michael Pekrik

13572 Dellwood Way

Rosemount, MN

Mr. Pekrik asked several questions regarding the proposed Meta facility; noting the current Rosemount water restrictions that took place over the summer and how the proposed facility will be a high water user and questioned what will happen to residents' water usage as Meta begins using volumes of water? Will there be any tax increment financing to recruit Meta to Rosemount? Also questioned if UMore Park has addressed the water quality issue and if the contamination of soil has been addressed?

Kathy Pritchard

15703 Crystal Path

Rosemount, MN

Ms. Pritchard voiced concerns about the lack of charging stations for electric vehicles in

Rosemount. Then, she stated she is an independent and believes Meta is coming forward to impact the First Amendment rights of citizens. Ms. Pritchard also discussed the timeline of the project and how that is connected to the actions of President Biden. Ms. Pritchard also voiced concerns about not receiving public notice of the area re-zoned from agriculture.

Karin Miller
17985 Jacquard Path
Lakeville, MN

Ms. Miller researched the UMore property and found articles discussing the vision of the property that will impact Dakota County and the entire state. The findings stated the decisions made regarding this property will impact not only Rosemount, but the entire Dakota County and state. Ms. Miller would like more information regarding what the vision is and is concerned about Meta being secretive and a lack of transparency regarding the project between the City and the public.

Mayor Weisensel requested Ms. Miller provide her sources of information as the information found in internet searches may not be the latest information. Mayor Weisensel also stated that staff will prepare responses to these questions and will answer them to the best of their ability at the next meeting.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Klimpel **Second by** Council Member Freske

Motion to approve consent agenda

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- a. Bill Listings
- b. Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Work Session Proceedings
- d. Donation Acceptance - Rosemount Beyond The Yellow
- e. Donation Acceptance from shoppers at Cub Foods
- f. Request by Maplewood Development for approval of the Amber Fields 12th Addition Final Plat
- g. Request by Maplewood Development for approval of the Amber Fields 11th Addition Final Plat
- h. Donation Acceptance from the City of Mendota Heights
- i. Request by Florence Omogho for a minor subdivision

- j. Letter of Support for TED Grant with Dakota County
- k. Declaration of Surplus Property – Parks and Recreation Department
- l. Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure Grant
- m. Authorize Letter of Support for NLC Board Appointment

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Establish Preliminary 2024 Budget and Levy

City Administrator Martin provided the latest numbers for the Preliminary Operating Budget and Preliminary Levy for 2024. Mr. Martin expressed gratitude in the partnership in working with councilmembers and staff in working to set the 2024 Budget.

Headlines from the budget include: record breaking growth in value of new construction, City's tax capacity valuation increased by 10.97% and new construction saved pre-existing homeowners \$55. The entirety of the City's operational costs are growing by 2.4% and the remainder is cost of living wage / benefit increases. The median valued home with no assessed value increase would see taxes decreased by \$7 from this Budget.

The draft 2024 Budget shows 10.21% increase to operating budget (\$1,696,771) operating budget results in 7.92% increase to tax levy (\$1,155,040) and debt issuance for the PD PW Campus project results in a 4.5% levy increase.

Councilmember Freske questioned the number of employees the City has and staff confirmed approximately 102 full-time employees plus temporary staff. Councilmember Freske asked Mr. Martin to further elaborate on the upcoming union negotiations and historically what the increases have been; anywhere from 1.5% to 3.5% increase tied to the market competitiveness and inflation. Councilmember Freske questioned how Rosemount compares to other Dakota County cities levy; a lot of 7-9% numbers out there.

Councilmember Klimpel asked Mr. Martin to further speak to the increase in the budget for Oracle and what the new addition means for City staff. Mr. Martin stated that the staff had been working off extremely old software that doesn't meet modern-day needs and will provide additional features that will benefit staff. Councilmember Klimpel questioned the number of miles added to Rosemount and Mr. Martin will provide that number to council, but noted in the past 8 years a new Public Works position for plow driving has not been added.

Councilmember Essler praised staff for controlling the budget with the understanding the school district passed a referendum last year as the tax statement includes the City, School and County taxes.

Mayor Weisensel stated the importance of Oracle and the impact the software will have on service to residents and for staff.

The Truth in Taxation hearing will be held on December 5, 2023 at 7pm.

Motion by Council Member Essler **Second by** Council Member Freske

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Setting the Preliminary 2024 General Fund Operating Budget, the Preliminary 2024 C.I.P. Budgets, the Preliminary 2024 Insurance Budget, the Preliminary 2024 Port Authority Operating Levy and the Preliminary 2023 Levy and a Budget Hearing Date of December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. City Staff Updates

Parks and Recreation Director Schultz recapped the successful Food Truck Festival.

b. Upcoming Community Calendar

Mayor Weisensel reviewed the calendar of events and upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the regular council meeting and upon a motion by Weisensel and a second by Essler the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk