

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 21, 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, November 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Weisensel Second by Freske

Motion to approve the agenda

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

None

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Kathy Pritchard
15703 Crystal Path
Rosemount, MN**

Ms. Pritchard questioned whether "Project Mercury" is six different parcels being proposed. City Administrator Martin confirmed yes and the properties are near the current FedEx facility on the east side of Rosemount. Ms. Pritchard questioned page 31, figure 12 of the Rosemount Industrial Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review document; Why was the detention facility section area removed, the benefits of it removed and what will be done to ensure that area will be protected? In addition, what is the plan for sediment control? Ms. Pritchard recommends hiring an additional consulting firm who specializes in erosion and sediment control to compare the results with the University of Minnesota and questioned whether the City intends to do so? Ms. Pritchard also expressed concerns over signs placed on the UMore property that state "danger of asbestos" and questioned the reasoning of the signs being placed there and the plans for Rosemount to ensure the asbestos doesn't get into the wellhead. Ms. Pritchard restated her concerns of "not focusing on the who, rather than focusing on the what" as there are current lawsuits for Meta and she is unable to see how this project will impact the city.

Linda Nara

15039 Derby Circle

Ms. Nara attended the open house, however voiced a concern that nobody knew about it and wishes postcards would have been mailed. Ms. Nara recapped her conversation with a Xcel Representative there and stated Xcel didn't want windmills and solar projects here instead they would be built in Becker. Ms. Nara also expressed concerns regarding how big Amber Fields is and the impact the development will have on traffic.

Pat Matthews

Mendota Heights resident

Ms. Matthews is considering moving to Rosemount, but unsure now due to all the development taking place and the bad traffic this will cause.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Theisen **Second by** Council Member Klimpel

Motion to approve consent agenda with item 6.i. removed

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- a. Bill Listings
- b. Minutes of the November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting
- c. Minutes of the November 6, 2023 Work Session
- d. Minutes of the November 17, 2023 Special Meeting
- e. Investment Policy Update
- f. 120th Street Drainage Improvements - Final Acceptance and Authorization of Final Payment
- g. Ice Rental Agreement with Independent School District #196
- h. Rosecott Place Apartments
- i. Adopt Utility Service Repair Financing Program

Councilmember Essler pulled for further discussion, questioning how many other cities do this program? Public Works Director Egger confirmed this program is similar to what Hastings provides. The program would be a benefit to homeowners with a low impact on the city budget.

Motion by Council Member Essler **Second by** Council Member Theisen

Motion to Staff recommends the Council approve the implementation of a utility service repair financing program that would allow homeowners to request financing in the event of a sanitary sewer service or water service repair event.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- j. 2024 Liquor License Renewals
- k. 2024-2025 Tobacco Licenses

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Donation Acceptance from the Rosemount Area Seniors

Parks & Recreation Director Schultz discussed that the Rosemount Area Seniors Club has decided to dissolve their board and work with the Parks and Recreation department on planning various recreation programs and special events for local seniors. Because they will no longer have a board to oversee their finances, they have decided to donate their funds to the City. The donated funds will be used for senior programming and activity costs.

Staff confirmed this will be a onetime donation and going forward any donations will go through the City. Staff will further discuss membership fees going forward and whether the city will continue to require certain fees.

Motion by Council Member Theisen **Second by** Council Member Essler

Motion to Motion to approve the acceptance and expenditure of \$18,861.72 from the Rosemount Area Seniors to be used for programming and activity costs.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

b. Receive Bids & Award Contract for Landscaping - Public Works & Police Campus

Public Works Director Egger provided a recap of the landscaping bids recently received for the Public Works and Police Campus due to the initial bids received earlier in the year had discrepancies in the bids. The low bid received this time did not submit all the paperwork, the next lowest bid was from Autumn Ridge.

Mr. Egger highlight the bid is \$500,000 below the construction cost estimate for this scope of the work. Kraus-Anderson has thoroughly reviewed this bid and recommends that the City proceed to award the contract.

Motion by Council Member Essler **Second by** Council Member Klimpel

Motion to Adopt Resolution Receiving Bids and Awarding the Contract for the Landscaping Scope of the Public Works & Police Campus Project

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. City Staff Updates

City Administrator Martin provided the following updates; City Councilmembers toured the Public Works/Police Department Campus this evening, the Project Bigfoot page is available on our website for public viewing, the Winter Wonderland Tour of Lights application is on our website for the public to enter.

Chief of Police Dahlstrom recapped the "Heroes and Helpers" grocery bagging took place today and over \$2,000 in donations were received. Chief also noted the Santa Parade is going to be held on December 9th.

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 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Fasbender", written in a cursive style.

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk