

**ROSEMOUNT UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 24, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Utility Commission was held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:30 PM in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Demuth and Miller.

Staff present included the following: City Administrator Logan Martin, Public Works Director Nick Egger, Mayor Weisensel, Recording Secretary Amy Simonson

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.a. March 25, 2024, Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Johnson Second by Demuth

Motion to approve the March 25, 2024, Utility Commission meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: 2. Commissioner Miller abstained.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

6.a. Manganese Discussion & Update

Director Egger informed the Commissioners about discussions with the City Council during the June work session regarding water treatment plant options and manganese levels in drinking water. A consultant presented various water treatment options to the city in 2022 for future consideration. It was noted that due to the layout of the water network, more than one treatment plant would be required to treat all city water. The City is not required by MDH to treat for manganese as a public water supplier, and manganese is not a federally regulated issue, but there may be desire to perform some level of treatment to bring levels at the wellhead source down within recommended/guidance parameters. The Council requested that before moving forward towards any specific treatment measures, that staff sample and test water for manganese at selected homes throughout the city over the course of one year to determine levels on a regular basis and to obtain a range of data points. Samples taken at the customer end point, as opposed to the wellhead, will provide information on the level of water blending occurs within the distribution system between wells, towers, and the consumer end

point. Logistics for selecting properties and testing frequency are still being worked out, but Egger reported that staff would like to begin a first run of samples this summer.

Commissioner Miller inquired if there are any other cities with a population of 40,000 or more without a water treatment plant. Staff clarified that there is no requirement to have a water treatment plant; it is only necessary to remove certain regulated elements if required.

Commissioner Demuth suggested that the city provide carbon ion exchange filters to all households with infants. Director Egger noted that the Council discussed this option, but no decision was made.

The annual Consumer Confidence Report was posted on the city website in April and was featured in the spring city newsletter. A link was added to the Manganese outreach information.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.a. Well Pumping Report

Commissioners inquired about the decision-making process for operating the wells. Director Egger explained that the SCADA system uses a sequencing matrix to activate wells based on demand, the pumping capacity of each well, and the distribution requirements. Staff will invite the Public Works Utilities Supervisor to the next meeting to discuss the specifics in greater detail.

8.b. Water Efficiency Grant Update

Staff will work to develop a city HOA irrigation audit program as the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization discontinued their program.

8.c. Major Projects Update

Parks staff reported that the seed mix used in new city parks consists of 80% fescue and 20% rye and bluegrass and contains four types of fescues.

Staff provided an update on the city's collaboration with the developer of the Amber Fields project on the design of the private park. The park will include a central stormwater pond with primarily native plantings, and irrigation will be used only to establish the vegetation.

The city continues its efforts to install Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) in its wells. A VFD was installed at Well 8 last fall, leaving Wells 9, 12, and 15 as the only wells without VFDs. Installation and retrofitting for these wells are planned over the next few years.

The city is addressing the Federal Mandate to inventory lead service lines. Notices were mailed to property owners of homes built before January 1, 1985, requesting they complete an online survey. Additional notices were posted on the city website, social media platforms, and in the newsletter.

Commissioners inquired about the city's service line inventory. Staff reported that information from as-built records confirmed there are no lead water mains in the city.

8.d. Action Item / Issues list

None.

8.e. Set Next Meeting Agenda – September 23, 2024

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Utility Commission at the regular meeting and upon a motion by Demuth and a second by Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Simonson

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