

**ROSEMOUNT UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Utility Commission was held on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 7:00 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: Administrative Services Director Malecha, Public Works Director Egger, and Recording Secretary Simonson. Mayor Weisensel arrived at 7:09 PM.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.a. June 24, 2024, Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Demuth Second by Miller

Motion to approve the June 24, 2024, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

Ayes: 3.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

6.a. Manganese Monitoring Update

Director Egger presented the results of the first round of sampling that took place in August to the commission. Sampling results analyzed by the city equipment consistently produced results with higher levels than the MVTL sample results. This is likely due to MVTL having more sophisticated equipment than the city's testing unit. The results so far appear to show levels are lower the further away from the wells the sample is taken from. Going forward, operations staff will note which wells were running and which wells had the highest output at the time of sampling. Additionally, staff will test samples for hardness.

NEW BUSINESS

7.a. Kick-off to Review of 2025 Utility Rate Review

Director Egger presented an overview of estimated operational and capital improvement expenses for the near term and future years relating to water, sanitary sewer, storm water and street lighting funds.

Director Malecha provided a preliminary review of the proposed utility billing rate adjustments for 2025. She noted that a comparison of 2024 rates for other metro cities in the county placed

Rosemount in the middle. It was also emphasized that the streetlight fund needs to be increased to cover ongoing maintenance and repair costs, as it is currently underfunded.

Commissioners requested that staff prepare layperson-friendly talking points to assist in discussions with residents.

The Commissioners will make a final recommendation to the City Council at the October or November meeting.

Commissioners requested to review the top 10 commercial and industrial users at a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.a. Well Pumping Report

The well pumping record shows that water usage is lower this year than last year at this time by at least 150,000,000 gallons. The lower water usage is likely due to the higher precipitation rates we had early in the season, which was also good for groundwater recharge.

Operations staff stated that the rotation of wells has more to do with balancing out the demand for chemical additives at each wellhead as well as wear factors on equipment. It was noted that Well 12 was taken offline for a couple of days for maintenance work.

8.b. Action Item / Issues list

None.

8.c. Set Next Meeting Agenda – October 28, 2024

Commissioners indicated that a Manganese update is not needed for the October meeting as the second round of sampling results will not be available at the time of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the regular council meeting and upon a motion by Demuth and a second by Miller the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Simonson
Recording Secretary