

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 4, 2025**

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, March 4, 2025, 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

Motion to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

a. Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Presentation

City Administrator Martin introduced Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) Chief Executive Officer Luther Wynder. Mr. Wynder provided an update on MVTA's recent activities and discussed their current priorities.

Councilmember Freske questioned whether direct service from Rosemount to Minneapolis and St. Paul will occur in the future and MVTA discussed these routes are a priority for MVTA.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Theisen **Second by** Essler

Motion to approve consent agenda

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

a. Bill Listings

- b. Minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Joint Powers Agreement with State of Minnesota
- d. Authorize Creation of the Deputy PW Director
- e. Ball Field Use Agreement - ISD #917
- f. Items Related to Rosecott Place Apartments Development
- g. Amber Fields 6 Subdivision Agreement

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request by Magellan Land Development for approval of rezoning land from A-2 - Agricultural to R-2 - Low to Medium Density Residential, and a Preliminary Plat to develop 58 townhome units.

Planner, Julia Hogan, presented the requests by Magellan Land Development for rezoning and preliminary plat approval to develop 58 townhome units on a 10-acre property east of Akron Avenue and north of Bonaire Path that will be called Akron Ridge. The property is currently zoned A-2 – Agricultural, and the applicant is requesting that the site be rezoned to R-2 – Low to Medium Density Residential to accommodate the townhome development. The site is shown to have a total of 12 townhome buildings, with 5 of the buildings containing 6 units per building, and the remaining 7 buildings will contain 4 units per building.

The site will be accessed by a single public street that extends east and south off of Akron Avenue. The first phase of development will consist of the public access road, main private road, both stormwater ponding areas and 30 townhome units. The second phase will be the remaining 28 townhome units and the three private drive areas. The Parks and Recreation Department also reviewed the plans for this project and is recommending that an 8-foot-wide trail be benched in on the west side of the development along Akron Avenue.

Staff and the Planning Commission are recommending approval of the rezoning and preliminary plat requests, subject to the conditions listed in the resolution.

Councilmember Essler questioned the reasoning for the Planning Commission to defer the action at the January 28th meeting to February 25th. Ms. Hogan confirmed the main concern was pedestrian access. The applicant has since reached out to Dakota County and Flint Hills to address these concerns for possible pedestrian access. Flint Hills would have to do further research noting that due to pipelines in the area a pedestrian path may be challenging and Dakota County is working with City staff to address trail access concerns on Akron Avenue.

Councilmember Klimpel questioned the property owner to the south having concerns about trespassers. The applicant intends to include HOA covenants as an acknowledgment that the property to the south is private and trespassing is not allowed.

Jason Palmby

Magellan Land Development

Mr. Palmby, developer for Magellan Land Development, confirmed he had several discussions with Flint Hills and Dakota County regarding safety pedestrian access. The timeline for the project will be to start mid-June and finish in August for the first phase. The second phase will begin the following year.

Mayor Weisensel opened the floor for public comment at 7:40 p.m. and reiterated that the City Council has read and heard all the comments received to date and if any additional comments have not been expressed that they should come forward to state them at this time.

Motion by Essler Second by Freske

Motion to adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance B City of Rosemount Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning of the site from A-2 – Agricultural to R-2 – Low to Medium Density Residential

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Theisen Second by Klimpel

Motion to adopt a resolution approving the Preliminary Plat for Akron Ridge, subject to conditions.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

b. Adoption of City Council Goals and Strategic Directions

City Administrator Martin presented an overview of the outcome of City Council and staff's special work session on January 30 to discuss the current 5-year Strategic Plan for the City and short-term goals / initiatives for '25/'26. By adopting these goals, it allows us to communicate the city's vision. City Administrator Martin highlighted each department's notables.

Motion by Essler Second by Klimpel

Motion to adopt the City Council's Goals and Strategic Directions, as presented.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. City Staff Updates

City Administrator Martin highlighted currently recruiting for Firefighters, Rosemount Expo is on April 5th and Guns and Hoses Hockey game is also on April 5th.

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 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk