

**ROSEMOUNT UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Utility Commission was held on Monday September 22, 2025, at 5:31 PM in Rosemount Meeting Rooms of the Public Works & Police Campus 14041 Biscayne Avenue.

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order with Commissioner Miller. Commissioner Demuth was absent.

Staff present included the following: City Administrator Martin, Public Works Director Egger, & Administrative Services Director Malecha. Mayor Weisensel was also in attendance until approximately 6:15pm.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.a. June 23, 2025, Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Demuth was absent at this meeting, and Commissioner Miller absent from the June 23rd, 2025 meeting. Therefore, staff advised the Commission to table action on this item to the upcoming October 27th Commission meeting when Commissioner Demuth would be present to vote on the approval of the June 23rd minutes. Both the June 23 and September 22, 2025 meeting minutes will be brought forward on October 27, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

6.a. Manganese Monitoring Update

Director Egger noted that staff continued sample collection and independent lab analysis from as many of the routine sites as possible for Q3 of 2025 and shared a bar chart documenting all five quarters of sample results to date. Director Egger also stated that staff will collect one more round of samples to round out 2025 with a complete set for the calendar year. Further internal technical discussion amongst staff will occur thereafter, with staff bringing forth their conclusions in the early part of 2026 for discussion with the Commission and the City Council as to next steps by the City in response to the findings of the monitoring.

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6.b. PFAS Detection Update

Director Egger provided an updated recap of PFAS sampling and detection readings per results disseminated by the Minnesota Department of Health through their monitoring program since 2023. The frequency of sampling has varied across the City wells and is at the discretion of the MDH, however all major production wells have had at least one sample drawn and analyzed. Fortunately, readings from all but Well No. 7 are either well below pending regulatory maximums for PFOS and PFOA, or otherwise undetectable, and do not generate a Health Risk Index value that is of concern to the MDH. Egger also reported that although staff has attempted to connect with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to learn more about a timeline for further investigation of the potential source(s) of PFAS contamination, the MPCA has yet to respond with any further details. Staff will continue to stay on top of this matter with its contacts at MDH and MPCA.

Commissioners inquired about whether the City had learned of any further movement on the class action settlement for PFAS contamination and what amounts of disbursement the City may stand to receive, as other nearby communities have begun to receive settlement money. Egger reported that the City's claim ended up being classified differently in the hierarchy of claimants, likely due to lacking monitoring results available to it at the time the City filed its claim data, and/or those same results indicating very low readings of PFAS, and that staff was still awaiting an outcome.

NEW BUSINESS

7.a. Kick-off to Review of 2026 Utility Rates

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 2026. She noted that a comparison of existing 2025 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.

Egger and Malecha noted that more input work was needed for the rate model to become more accurate for giving staff meaningful guidance as to what adjustments would be appropriate, including fine-tuning of the Capital Improvements Plan estimates, and additional operational cost input refinements. The Commissioners will make a final recommendation to the City Council at the October or November meeting.

For informational purposes and pursuant to Commission request at previous meetings, Egger also distributed a tabulation of the hypothetical outcome for 10 small/medium size commercial water users in the event that the existing residential rate formula was applied for water bill computation.

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7.b. Utility System Project Updates

Egger provided a summary of notable current or recently completed utility system projects, including the ongoing construction of Well No. 17, the recently completed Brockway Pond dredging and pipe repairs, several wellhouse equipment upgrades, and the large sanitary sewer cleaning project that is currently underway.

Commissioners inquired briefly about anticipated stormwater pond work at Berger Pond, citing conversation with neighbors and fellow residents which sparked curiosity about how water levels are managed and whether there was hydraulic linkage between Berger Pond and other nearby ponds and how sustained higher water levels have caused trees to die off on an island in the middle of the pond. Egger explained that Berger Pond was not on a near-term listing of major stormwater projects, and how management of water levels in Berger Pond depend on active management that occurs downstream at Shannon Pond and in places in between as the City combats localized flooding risks near Shannon Pond. Egger explained the larger picture and long-term planning involved with regard to managing pond levels and conveyances towards the City's trunk storm sewer system.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.a. Well Pumping Report

Pumping information for 2025 is currently available through the end of August, and shows water usage tracking above what was consumed to-date at this point in 2024. With September trending above average for precipitation, pumping levels are anticipated to be lower compared to September 2024.

8.b. Action Item / Issues list

The Commission will spend the next two meetings continuing the discussion and review of proposed Utility Rate adjustments for 2026.

8.c. Set Next Meeting Agenda – October 27, 2025

- i. Continuation of 2026 Rate Adjustments Review

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Utility Commission at the regular meeting and upon a motion by Miller, and a second by Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Egger
Executive Director