

**ROSEMOUNT UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 23, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Utility Commission was held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 5:30 PM in Rosemount Public Works Conference Room 2, 14041 Biscayne Avenue.

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

Staff present included the following: City Administrator Martin, Public Works Director Egger, Recording Secretary Simonson.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.a. March 31, 2025, Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Johnson, Second by Demuth

Motion to approve the March 31, 2025, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

Ayes: 2.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

6.a. Water Efficiency Rebate Update

Director Egger noted that the number of rebates submitted in Q1 2025 is higher than in previous years. However, stormwater rebates continue to see limited participation, consistent with past trends. Few irrigation controller rebates have been submitted so far this year, likely due to the affordability of the controllers now. The city will continue to promote the rebate program through newsletters, social media, community events, and other outreach efforts.

The City's Irrigation Efficiency Grant program for HOAs and multifamily properties is now available. Forms can be found online under the *Rebates & Assistance Programs* page. Forms will need to be printed and filled out manually.

6.b. Manganese Monitoring Update

Commissioners reviewed the Q1 and Q2 2025 manganese testing results. The overall number of

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samples gathered for Q1 was lower due to outdoor spigots not being available during the colder months. Some elevated levels were observed in a few of the wells, parks and private properties. Spikes in values can occur when wells that have been offline for a time are brought back into service, or with an uptick in water usage as more wells come online to meet demand.

Q3 sampling is scheduled for August, with one final round planned for Q4 to complete a full year of data collection. This information will be used for discussions about potential next steps.

Commissioners inquired about why the city is testing the hardness of the water samples. Water hardness testing is used to determine if the source was connected to a water softener, as water softeners remove manganese and produce artificially low readings.

NEW BUSINESS

7.a. 2024 Rosemount Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program Report

Director Egger explained that the City contracts with a consulting firm to conduct an annual monitoring and reporting program on a selected group of stormwater ponds. This program monitors pollutant levels and water elevation.

According to the 2024 report, the ponds are generally performing within expected ranges. However, a decreasing trend in infiltration rates has been observed across the city, potentially due to sediment accumulation. This underscores the importance of the City's pond dredging and maintenance program, which helps preserve the overall functionality of the stormwater system.

There has been a steady increase in chloride concentrations, particularly at Erickson Pond. This trend is likely due to its urban setting, where higher chloride levels are more common due to winter deicing practices. In response, City staff plan to increase outreach and education efforts with local businesses to promote more responsible salt usage during the winter months in order to help reduce chloride impacts on the stormwater system.

Commissioners inquired how increased development affects the stormwater ponds. Director Egger noted that standards of design and performance metrics are becoming more stringent on the front end for new developments. Technology and configuration allow stormwater basins to be more efficient. As the City does not have anywhere to discharge its stormwater, such as into a river, the City's stormwater rules and standards push for infiltration. Ponds built under different, less strenuous regulations are having to do more than what they were designed to do. The city may need to integrate more sump manholes and catch basins, or other small-scale treatment devices to accomplish pre-treatment of water runoff in the older parts of the City through reconstruction projects. The City has a comprehensive surface water management plan in place that is used for all developments currently which allow the City to meet current State and Federal stormwater runoff regulations.

Commissioners asked about budgeting for pond dredging and stormwater basin maintenance.

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Director Egger noted that dredging costs can vary significantly. Ponds identified for future dredging are tested several years in advance to evaluate sediment conditions. If any of the material is classified as environmentally hazardous, disposal costs increase substantially. Additionally, estimating the volume of sediment to be removed is difficult, which adds further uncertainty to project costs.

Director Egger also noted that the City applied for a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) grant request for a lift station for Shannon Pond. The application did not make the cut for this grant period, but staff will continue to apply.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.a. Well Pumping Report

Pumping information for 2025 is currently available through the end of May. Overall, Q1 2025 pumping totals were slightly higher than in Q1 2024. While pumping volumes in April 2025 were lower compared to the same period in 2024, there was a significant increase in May.

The Commissioners asked which wells are used most frequently. Director Egger noted that Wells 9, 15, and 16 serve as the primary work horses in the system.

8.b. Action Item / Issues list

Director Egger outlined the City's plan for increased enforcement of watering violations this season. A notice was included in the most recent City newsletter. The City Council has approved a strategy that emphasizes resident education, with ticketing of violations to begin in mid-July. Code Enforcement will lead the initiative through the course of scanning various City neighborhoods for all types of code violations. Fines will be applied directly to the property owner's utility bill. Violation notices will be mailed, and account holders will have 10 days from receipt to submit a written appeal.

Director Egger also provided an update on Well 17. The drilling phase is now complete, and the contractor will proceed with removing material from the borehole. Test pumping is anticipated within the next month. After test pumping, the well house contractor will mobilize to construct the wellhead enclosure. The project remains on schedule for completion by mid-summer 2026.

Staff provided an update on PFAS testing efforts, including the shutdown of Well 7 due to PFAS found on sampling. The shutdown of this well has been reported to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) as being placed on emergency-use status for fire-related incidents. Well 7 will continue to be sampled, as the water can be isolated and kept out of the distribution system during testing.

PFAS has not been detected in any notable amounts in other City wells. With the new Well 17 due to come online mid-summer of 2026, it will provide additional capacity, making the City less reliant on having Well No. 7 serve as the first-tier emergency backup role for firefighting.

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Commissioners inquired about tracking the source of PFAS. Per Director Egger, responsibility for identifying the contamination source lies with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and any further action will proceed according to their priorities and timeline, in coordination with other PFAS-impacted sites.

8.c. Set Next Meeting Agenda – September 22, 2025

- i. PFAS testing update
- ii. Start 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 Johnson, and a second by Demuth, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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