

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a work session of the Rosemount City Council was held on Monday, October 5 at 5:00 pm at Rosemount City Hall, Council Chambers, 2874 145th Street West.

Mayor Droste called the meeting to order with Councilmember Weisensel, Block, Essler, and Freske.

Staff present included City Administrator Martin, Park and Recreation Director Schultz, Public Works Director/City Engineer Erickson, Community Development Director Lindquist, Chief of Police Dahlstrom, and Senior Planner Klatt

Guests included: David Sutlin, EPA, Padma Bending – EPA Legal, Cory Boeck, MPCA, and Brian Dickens, Section Chief EPA.

DISCUSSION

2.a. Spectro Alloys Discussion

Community Development Director Lindquist provided a brief overview of Spectro Alloys operations.

David Sutlin with the EPA spoke generally about Spectro Alloys's recent Notice of Violation and the ongoing investigation. As a result of the initial site visit, the EPA requested more information about operational activity from Spectro Alloys. Sutlin provided a brief overview of how a facility, like Spectro Alloys, should operate.

Cory Boeck with the MPCA discussed the current air quality permit that Spectro Alloys has. The MPCA inspects the facility every 3-years. They also inspect on a complaint-basis as well. Spectro Alloys must report to the MPCA every 6-months. Air quality at the stack is reviewed every 5 years.

Council members and EPA and MPCA members discussed operational concerns at Spectro Alloys. The Council asked about the testing that takes place on site and relating to issuance of permits. It was clarified that the test must reflect the operations that will occur and that the permit is based upon the capacity and throughput that is used for the test. The test is conducted by a third party and results are reviewed by the agencies for compliance with standards. It was asked how the local government can plug into the permitting process to ensure the site is operating consistent with regulations. It was noted that the air quality permit allows for public comment and is one way the City can make formal comments.

The Council asked about how environmentally safe the emissions are relating to Spectro Alloy operations. It was noted that the air quality permit allows some pollutants to be released into the air. In response to Council members concerns about the safety of air and soil near the facility, the EPA and MPCA will provide additional resources to the City and will be available for further discussion after the current investigation is completed. When asked about timing, the EPA could not give a response, but indicated this is a lengthy process.

2.b. Community Band Service Agreement

City Administrator Martin provided an introduction for the Rosemount Community Band and introduced two band members, Tom Conway and Mark Enochs.

Tom Conway and Mark Enochs updated council and staff on their goals and activities.

Council members and the band representatives briefly discussed agreement terms.

2.c. Ordinance Amendments

Community Development Director Lindquist and Senior Planner Klatt discussed concerns about structures built in buffer areas or close to wetlands.. Staff is recommending the new ordinance regulates wetlands with setback and buffers regardless of whether the area around the wetland is developed or rural. There was a question about farmers and it was clarified their activities would not be impacted by the changes.

Staff also asked about allowing administrative approval of some types of subdivision activities and provided examples of when administrative approval is suggested. It was noted this was also discussed with the Planning Commission who supported the change. This will reduce the amount of processing time and save applicants time and money. The Council was supportive of both changes.

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Droste adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m., second by Essler.

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Mayor Droste called the meeting back to order at 8:06 PM.

UPDATES

Council members discussed the previous item regarding Spectro Alloys and how future complaints related the facility will be handled going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon a motion by Droste all in favor the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Paque
Deputy City Clerk