

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 17, 2026**

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 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Acting Mayor Theisen called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Freske, Essler and Klimpel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Administrator Martin added item 3.a., Proclamation for Irish Day, to recognize the Boys Hockey and Girls Basketball team's recent achievements.

Motion by Essler Second by Freske

Motion to approve the agenda with item 3.a. added.

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Council read the proclamation and declared today as Irish Day.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Administer Oath of Office to Officer Gavin Vosika

Chief Thomas introduced Gavin Vosika and highlighted his achievements to get to where he is today.

City Clerk Fasbender administered the oath of office.

- b. Administer Oath of Office to Officer Jamison Ahlstrom

Chief Thomas introduced Jamison Ahlstrom and highlighted his achievements to get to where he is today.

City Clerk Fasbender administered the oath of office.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

City Administrator Martin responded to two comments that were received at the last regular council meeting and encourages residents to reach out to staff ahead of time should they have any concerns to be addressed.

Community Development Director Kienberger responded to questions regarding the property along Blaine Avenue, north of county road 42, highlighting the meaning behind why escrow agreements are a tool used upfront for any development application, as this agreement helps the city and developer to determine if any issues will arise before development takes place. Mr.

Kienberger confirmed there is no development application that has been submitted to the city for this area. However, the city is obligated to provide a response to a potential developer within a certain number of days for any pre-work. Mr. Kienberger noted it is important to keep in mind that a lot of documentation must be reviewed and submitted ahead of time for developers applying for any project.

Mr. Kienberger responded to the consideration of a moratorium and noted a moratorium would be up to the City Council. Staff noted the city has published a number of articles in recent newsletters regarding development, non-disclosure agreements, etc.

Public Works Director Egger responded to a request for planting native vegetation near ponds and whether that would be allowed. In general, staff doesn't allow vegetation on property that can inhibit access or infrastructure. It wouldn't be an issue if it is on private property. However, if the vegetation is over the line, staff needs to have the ability to continue their maintenance as they normally do.

Mr. Egger also responded to the lack of speed limit signs on Connemara Trail and noted staff is in the process of adding more signs to the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Willam Zaragoza

12930 Bengal Avenue West

Mr. Zaragoza voiced concerns regarding data centers and the impact on data centers. Questions included, what information is being used to obtain the amount of water being utilized, as the current example of two sit-down restaurants doesn't equate to the data he found, what assurance do we have for the water to be treated before adding to the aquifers, how is the Xcel Energy rate going to impact residents, what are City Councilmembers doing to advocate for data centers and for residents, and has any election official signed a non-disclosure agreement regarding construction or operation of a data center?

Ms. Wallerick

1139 148th Street

Ms. Wallerick raised concerns regarding ICE agents near neighborhood and schools and questioned what the City Council is doing to speak up for the members of the community who have been impacted?

John Vandewege

14390 Cobbler Avenue

Mr. Vandewege has questions and concerns regarding the water quality and questioned concerns regarding air pollution. In addition, questioned what data centers are doing to protect citizens from air pollution, water quality and other areas that will impact health care.

Troy Stormoen
14566 Chrome Avenue

Mr. Stormoen expressed his concerns regarding water quality and requested an understanding of the 90-day window and what Rosemount is doing to improve the water quality?

Lori Ufken
3454 Crumpet Path

Ms. Ufken had concerns regarding the water quality as well and questioned whether homeowners should fill out a property disclosure statement for those residents interested in selling their house? Ms. Ufken also questioned what do the test results need to be at to be an emergency and there has been a rise over the past two years of gross alpha ratings, should more wells be deactivated?

Angelo Flowers
1187 151st Street West

Mr. Flowers raised concerns over data centers and the water and environmental impact data centers have. He also expressed concerns regarding infrastructure and the significant cost. Mr. Flowers request thoughtful planning with clear boundaries for developments and to ensure there is an appropriate distance for data centers from neighborhoods.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Essler **Second by** Klimpel

Motion to approve consent agenda

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- a. Bill Listings
- b. Minutes of the March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Minutes of the March 3, 2026 Work Session Proceedings
- d. Minutes of the March 9, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
- e. Request by Danner, Inc. for renewal of its Small Scale Mineral Extraction Permit for 2026 and 2027
- f. Subdivision request by the Estate of Henry Fox to create a 20-acre parcel in the A-1 Agriculture zoning district.
- g. Donation Acceptance from Rosemount Lions Club
- h. Accept Quote & Authorize Work - Highway 3 Ped Enhancements
- i. Approve Easement - CSAH 42 Mill & Overlay Project (2027)
- j. Parks and Recreation Bylaws Amendment
- k. Commissioner Appointments

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. 2026 Street Improvement Project Assessment Hearing and Adopt Assessment Roll

City Engineer Erickson presented the 2026 Street Improvement Project which was included as part of the 2026 - 2035 Capital Improvement Plan. The streets were identified for this improvement through the City's pavement management evaluation and have been illustrated. The project consists of full depth street reclamation; spot replacement of curb and gutter; minor utility work and replacement of pedestrian ramps to meet current ADA standards.

With the award of the contract, staff has calculated the final proposed assessment amount for each of the property owners. During the hearing this evening, the City Council is asked to hear and pass upon all public comments received. To date, no comments have been received.

In accordance with the City's special assessment policy, the special assessments are calculated based on 35% of the street and surface costs. The proposed total assessment amount is \$491,254. The individual assessments are calculated on a 'per unit' basis, and amount to \$2,296.00 per single-family home. The initial estimate of the per-unit assessment amount was \$2,757.00, showing that the positive bid results provided relief to property owners.

Councilmember Essler questioned when reviewing the assessment map, a street in front of those properties that has been completed within the last six years. Mr. Erickson confirmed, those residents were not being assessed again as that area will not be re-done.

Acting Mayor Theisen opened the public hearing 7:43 p.m.

Motion by Freske Second by Klimpel

Motion to close the public hearing

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Klimpel Second by Freske

Motion to Adopt a Resolution approving the Assessment Roll for the 2026 Street Improvement Project, City Project 2026-01.

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Report on Annual Evaluation of City Administrator

City Administrator Martin in accordance with the terms of the employment contract with City Administrator Martin, the City Council conducted a performance evaluation during a closed meeting held on March 3, 2026. As required by State Statute 13D.05 Subd.3, the City Council must summarize the conclusions of its evaluation at the next open meeting. Mr. Martin further discussed the evaluation and discussions that took place. Overall, the City Council's comments and evaluations indicated that the City Administrator is meeting or exceeding their expectations.

Councilmember Essler recognized the reinforcement that his team that works for him agrees with City Council that City Administrator Martin continues to exceed expectations with the quality of interaction with his team and the respect staff has for him.

Councilmember Klimpel stated Logan does a great job balancing all the different things and prioritizing.

Acting Mayor Theisen noted Logan has difficult decisions to make, but does what's best for transparency and continues to lead honestly.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Professional Services Agreement for Full Size Baseball Field Development

Parks and Recreation Director Schultz staff is recommending the City Council consider in the future a contract to build new and refurbish older baseball and softball fields, add new indoor ice offerings, expanding and improving Central Park, adding new greenway trails and replacing aging playgrounds. The city is also looking to acquire land for a future athletic complex and to make repairs to the Steeple Center.

To move the process along regarding the full-sized baseball field at UMore Park, staff is recommending that the City hire a landscape architect/engineering firm to begin the design and the creation of plans and specifications. A concept plan for the project was presented by Mr. Schultz and included in the packet. Staff is recommending the City contract with WSB and Associates for this work. The Scope of Services described in the attached proposal would be provided for an hourly not-to-exceed fee of \$206,133.

Councilmember Freske questioned specifically what Council is considering this evening. Mr. Schultz confirmed this agreement is to get more specific plans, pricing and any potential challenges that we may face.

Councilmember Klimpel questioned what the public engagement process will look like? Mr. Schultz confirmed staff has been meeting the traveling baseball board and Rosemount Area Athletic Association. In addition, staff will open comments to be received from the public to discuss the process, share ideas and get public input. The goal is to build something that people will be happy with and use.

Motion by Essler Second by Klimpel

Motion to approve entering into a contract with WSB and Associates to design and the create plans and specifications for the full-size baseball project at the UMore Ballfield site.

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

b. Professional Services Agreement for Indoor Ice Facilities

Parks and Recreation Director Schultz discussed another project that was discussed at a recent goal setting session, indoor ice. To move the process along regarding the indoor ice facility development, staff is recommending that the City hire an architect to begin the process of community input, design and the creation of plans and specifications. Concept plans for the project were presented and are also

attached in the packet. Staff is recommending the City contract with JLG Architects for gathering community input, design and creation of plans and specifications for the project. JLG provided the low quote for a feasibility study this past fall, and they are a leader in the design and development of ice arenas. They come with very strong references from others in the parks and recreation field. Mr. Schultz further illustrated the concept plans.

Councilmember Essler mentioned the prior item for the baseball fields had an attached scope of services with a fee. Councilmembers suggested to make a motion to approve schematic design with a cap of \$200,000.

Motion by Freske Second by Essler

Motion to approve entering into a contract up to \$200,000 with JLG Architects to gather community input, design and the create plans and specifications for the and indoor ice Complex.

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. City Staff Updates

Community Development Director Kienberger highlighted the Planning Commission approving Copperfield Restaurant at last night's meeting.

b. Upcoming Community Calendar

Acting Mayor Theisen reviewed the calendar of events and upcoming meetings.

Councilmember Freske noted the Leprechaun Days Committee is now accepting applications for sponsors.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the regular council meeting and upon a motion by Theisen and a second by Essler the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk