

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 7, 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, April 7, 2026, 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 Second by Theisen

Motion to approve the agenda

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

a. Swearing in of Police Chief

City Administrator Martin introduced Carson Thomas as the new Police Chief and the achievements he has accomplished in his professional career. Chief Thomas was also presented with an award from his team at the Police Department.

Clerk Fasbender administered the oath of office.

b. Fire Staffing Update

Chief Kip Springer presented a fire update recognizing the Fire Department service evaluation and shared results of the fire staffing study to meet the growing needs of the community and expanding the department to meet the challenges. Citygate Associates further presented a final update on the Fire Department staffing study. The study includes a thorough analysis of the data related to the City's fire response historically and operational, equipment, facility, and staffing opportunities to consider moving forward.

Councilmember Freske questioned whether the current response time data is reflective of the recent duty crew that began in early February? Citygate stated the presented times are not reflective of the new duty crew, however we are on the way to substantially decrease the response time with the duty crew implementation and to allow for a few months to see the transition in time.

Councilmember Theisen noted City Council heard this presentation earlier at the work session and thanked Chief Springer and the Fire Department for their time and appreciates the direction we are going with the Fire Department.

Councilmember Klimpel requested clarification on the SAFER Grant available for the funding of the new staff as adding 9 full-time staff would have an impact on taxpayers. Chief Springer stated a SAFER Grant

is currently being applied for and believes that due to Rosemount's growth, Rosemount should have all the pieces in place to get approved for a SAFER Grant to assist with the set costs of adding staff over 3 years.

Mayor Weisensel commended Chief on taking on the task of this fire study. Chief Springer stated in addition to staffing, the City will need to make upgrades to our Fire Department facilities starting with Fire Station #2, i.e. living quarters, health & wellness initiatives, locker rooms, etc. The remodel at Fire Station #2 will begin this fall and the next phase would be to remodel Fire Station #1.

Motion by Klimpel Second by Essler

Motion to accept the Fire Staffing Report as presented

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

c. Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

Parks and Recreation Director Schultz presented the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation as this is a program that is intended to explore ways to manage residential consumption of water and power, and to inspire residents to care for our natural resources. A program that staff will publicize on the website following the adoption.

Mayor Weisensel noted City Council has taken on this initiative for the past several years.

Motion by Weisensel Second by Essler

Motion to announce the attached proclamation

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

City Administrator Martin highlighted the responses tonight will cover water contamination and data center.

Public Works Director Egger provided an update on the current status of the gross alpha contamination noting the City has a 90-day timeline to submit a work plan to the Department of Health and are on track to submit this within the next week which will describe the process that we have to resolve the issue and a timeline to determine the next steps for improvements. Mr. Egger noted a handful of infrastructure solutions along with a study are being completed to determine the best next steps which would include possible construction in 2027.

Mr. Egger noted all water issue updates are placed on the City website: rosemountmn.gov/waterquality.

Mr. Martin noted staff has engaged in several responses to residents since the last meeting regarding a data center. Mr. Martin confirmed there is no active application for a data center, nor any action items related to a data center for tonight's meeting. Mr. Martin noted Meta does own property to the north of their current data center location. Staff is aware of the data

center concerns and the concerns of a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) and noted two NDA's have since expired and one NDA with a company that has since moved on. Mr. Martin responded to the question regarding the comparison of water usage to a couple of restaurants and further elaborated on the water usage agreement that is in place with Meta. In addition, Mr. Martin stated residents have a chance to make an impact on water usage especially over the summer months, i.e. irrigating lawns.

Councilmember Essler stated the agreement with the current Meta site is expected 20-30k gallons daily, but the most they can use is 100k. It is a capacity agreement, that our utilities are capable of supplying of 100k gallons per day. In comparison, 100k gallons would be several restaurants

Apple Valley, South Target area has roughly 8 restaurants, which would use approximately 12,000 gallons each, that area is using approximately 100,000 gallons what is the max that Meta would be using. That location would be using the same amount of water that the entire Meta site would be using. If our population supported restaurants within that area that would be preferred versus a data center, however our current population does not support that based on market trends.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Dawson

4479 Evermoor Parkway

Mr. Dawson expressed his concerns regarding data centers in Rosemount specifically the water and environmental impact on the future generations. Mr. Dawson requests a moratorium be put in place for a pause on data centers.

Scott Beeler

3160 146th St W

Mr. Beeler expressed concerns regarding water usage and electricity and the impact on these items if additional data centers are built. Mr. Beeler also provided information regarding the health impacts a data center could contribute too.

William Zaragoza

12930 Bengal Ave

Mr. Zaragoza expressed concern regarding the water use comparison of restaurants versus data centers. In addition, expressed concern regarding water quality and the increase in rates for residents for power with additional data centers and states there will be negative impacts on the operations of data centers specifically regarding the contamination and discharge of the water used.

Kathy Pritchard

15703 Crystal Path

Ms. Pritchard expressed her concern regarding the proclamation adopted earlier this evening to urge residents to conserve water as current studies are being done to establish a baseline of water usage, believing this conservation action will provide an inaccurate picture of the water use and not provide accurate results in the study.

Cassie Schuller
3938 156TH ST W

Ms. Schuller expressed concern regarding data centers and the impact it will have on her and her family. In addition, expressed concern regarding the right to transparency regarding the project and demands accountability.

Anita Herold
15643 Chestnut Way

Anita expressed concern regarding the water usage comparison of 8 restaurants versus a data center stating residents would prefer a restaurant over a data center.

Tom Thelen
15175 December Court

Mr. Thelen shared he worked for Xcel Energy for several years and stated data centers will not use water 90% of the time as data centers will use the cool climate to support the cooling versus using water to cool down the servers. Mr. Thelen stated, there may be times throughout the year where they may hit the higher usage, but it wouldn't be an everyday occurrence. He also noted that Xcel Energy has completed studies and they can support a data center and it will slow down their approach to zero carbon emission and can potentially lower costs overall by the way they do infrastructure.

Kathy Engresser
13675 Applewood Trail

Ms. Engresser expressed concern about water and electricity usage, the possible increase in rates and the City signed a non-disclosure agreement.

Vanessa Demuth
13466 Danube Lane

Ms. Demuth shared her professional experience and knowledge with ground and drinking water and expressed her historical concern regarding manganese levels at her house exceeded maximum contaminant levels. Due to these levels, Ms. Demuth requests offering free water filters to households with infants 12 months of age or younger until a treatment system is online.

Anne Ebert
13622 Atwood Avenue

Ms. Ebert requests a moratorium be put in place for a pause on the development of datacenters until we know the real impacts of a data center in the city.

Mo Fashami
Farmington, MN

He shared his experience and background in telecommunication and data center network design for over 25 years. He noted the impacts a data center has including the high-water usage, the electricity used to power advanced cooling and the number of jobs created is not very high as many of the jobs are not located on site.

Kathy Johnson
22280 Berring Avenue
Castle Rock Township

Ms. Johnson shared her observation of high voltage power lines, and the rate payers have paid for those and how now a data center will come in and use the infrastructure that customers have paid for. In addition, expressed her concerns with the state legislation and the tax implications for data centers. Ms. Johnson requests a moratorium to put data centers on pause.

Jeff Schottler
22420 Calico Court
Farmington, MN

Mr. Schottler appreciates where Meta is located in Rosemount, not near residential homes. Mr. Schottler requests a moratorium on data centers until Meta is up and operational to understand the impact the data center will have.

Kris Akin
22390 Beaumont Avenue
Castle Rock Township

Ms. Akin explained her findings over the years regarding data centers and has created a website and Facebook page with these findings. Ms. Akin stated she is present tonight to show support of a moratorium on data centers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Essler pulled item 6.h. to recuse himself from the discussion as the action taken is his home.

Motion by Freske Second by Theisen

Motion to approve consent agenda with item 6.h. removed

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- a. Bill Listings
- b. Minutes of the March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

- c. Donation Acceptance from My Credit Union
- d. Temporary On-Sale Liquor License - VFW
- e. Donation Acceptance from Dakota Electric
- f. Leprechaun Days Service Agreement
- g. Approve Easement Agreement with Xcel Energy - Blaine Avenue
- h. Request for an Easement Encroachment Agreement at 13800 Clare Downs Way

Community Development Director Kienberger discussed the encroachment agreement brought forward by Landscape Design Studios on behalf of property owners Paul and Stacia Essler regarding proposed improvements including repairs to an existing swim pool, pool deck, fence and an installation of a retaining wall.

Mr. Kienberger shared past examples of where these agreements have been approved, noting it is not irregular to approve.

Councilmember Essler recused himself from voting.

Motion by Theisen Second by Freske

Motion to Approve the Encroachment Agreement and Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the Agreement.

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Amending the City Code Relating to Rental Licensing and Inspections

Community Development Technician, Liz Kohler, presented the amended updates relating to rental licensing and inspections as Rosemount continues to experience rapid growth and add to its diversity of housing options, the city has seen a significant increase in the number of rental units. In reviewing the City's existing rental licensing program, staff and the city attorney's office identified areas where the city code could be updated to better reflect an expectation of service more compatible with current practices and staffing levels.

Councilmember Theisen commented with the expansion and growth in Rosemount, this is a way of cleaning up our City Code and following state statutes.

Councilmember Freske questioned whether the rental licensing fee goes to the owner and not the tenant? Community Development Director Kienberger responded the fee goes to the property owner.

City Attorney Tietjen commented that it is very common for cities to align with the state on rental regulations due to limited resources in staffing.

Mayor Weisensel questioned when a rental manager needs to be on site? Mr. Kienberger further elaborated on the requirements of a rental manager and noted the rental manager must be "local" and it is at the discretion of staff to define what "local" is.

Mayor Weisensel opened the public hearing at 9:20 p.m. No public comment was received.

Motion by Weisensel Second by Essler

Motion to close the public hearing

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Essler Second by Council Member Freske

Motion to adopt a resolution approving the summary publication and a motion to approve amending ordinance Title 9, Chapter 1 relating to the building code and Title 9, Chapter 8 of the City Code relating to rental licensing and inspection as attached.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Professional Services Agreement — CNH Architects

Parks and Recreation Director Schultz presented as part of the Central Park expansion; the city has an opportunity to reuse a former public works building. This project would consist of remodeling the south portion of the existing old Central Garage building into a multi-purpose event and gathering space. The north portion would be used for restrooms and storage space. This remodeling is based on the concept design from the earlier study completed by CNH Architects.

Mr. Schultz noted the Steeple Center and Banquet Hall continues to have high usage and having another community gathering space would be of need.

Motion by Theisen Second by Klimpel

Motion to approve the professional services agreement with CNH Architects to design and oversee the remodeling of the former Public Works Central Garage Facility for a contract amount of \$142,500

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

b. Award Contract - Connemara & Akron Roundabout Project

Public Works Director Egger discussed the bids received on March 17th for the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Connemara Trail and Akron Avenue that this coming summer. The bid competition was very good, with the lowest bid of \$2,571,979 from Eureka Contracting, which was about 9.8% under the \$2,850,764 construction cost estimate.

The heavy construction is anticipated to begin in late May/early June, with the intersection closed to traffic through the bulk of the summer to allow for substantial completion to occur by late August, just prior to school resuming. Another neighborhood meeting will occur to discuss the plans for the project.

Councilmember Freske thanked staff for the timeline and is glad that staff was able to reduce the timing and appreciates the project coming to fruition.

Councilmember Theisen thanked Egger for his work on the project as he travels this road daily. Mr. Egger noted the area will be completely shut down for 3 months to complete the project faster.

Councilmember Klimpel questioned if the new roundabout would address the speed issues along Connemara Trail and Mr. Egger noted it will assist in this area but can't speak to the other areas of Connemara.

Motion by Theisen Second by Freske

Motion to Adopt a Resolution to Award a Contract to Eureka Contracting for Construction of the Connemara Trail & Akron Avenue Roundabout Project

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- c. Accept Petition & Authorize Work - Dodd Boulevard Improvements Feasibility Study - McAndrews Road to 125th Court

Public Works Director Egger discussed a petition the City received from property owners in the Wilde Lake Estates subdivision along Dodd Boulevard between McAndrews Road and 125th Court West, requesting consideration of road improvements. Specifically, the request is to pave the existing gravel segment of Dodd Boulevard between McAndrews Road and 125th Court West - a section approximately 1,000 feet in length.

When Wilde Lake Estates was developed in the 2010s, the developer provided the city with a \$195,000 funding set-aside to help offset the cost of a future Dodd Boulevard improvement. However, no specific project scope was defined at that time. The petition was signed by a strong majority of the property owners along this section of Dodd Boulevard and all property owners on 125th Court West. Staff is looking for direction from the City Council to perform a feasibility study. Staff anticipate those efforts to cost approximately \$40,000, funded by the fore-mentioned set-aside funds. Once that work is complete, staff would host a neighborhood open house to share the findings with affected property owners. The Council would then be asked to hold a public hearing to consider moving forward with final design and bidding.

Councilmembers suggested to include the source of funding within the motion and to make an amendment within the text of the resolution.

Motion by Freske Second by Theisen

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Accepting a Petition, and Authorizing Feasibility Study Work with an estimated \$40,000 that will come out of the \$195,000 development fund that exists.

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. City Staff Updates

City Administrator Martin had no further updates.

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 9:40 p.m. and to reconvene to the City Council Work Session in the conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk