

## CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Utility Commission was held on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 5:30 PM in Rosemount Public Works & Police Campus, 14041 Biscayne Avenue.

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Miller and Demuth.

Staff present included the following: Mayor Weisensel, Administrative Services Director Malecha, Public Works Director Egger, and Recording Secretary Simonson. City Administrator Martin was absent.

## ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

## AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Chairperson Johnson noted a minor typographical error in the June 23, 2025, meeting minutes under *New Business, Item 7.a. - 2024 Rosemount Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program Report*. In the fourth paragraph of this section, line 5, the word "staff" should be removed.

**Motion by Johnson, Second by Demuth**

**Motion** to approve the June 23, 2025, meeting minutes with amendment noted.

**Ayes: 2.** Commissioner Miller abstained.

**Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

### 4.b. September 22, 2025, Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Miller, Second by Johnson**

**Motion** to approve the September 22, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

**Ayes: 2.** Commissioner Demuth abstained.

**Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 6.a. 2026 Utility Rate Recommendations

Director Egger noted energy costs have increased across all categories, with the most significant impact on street lighting. Overall, the proposed 2026 rates for Rosemount remain mid-range compared to 2025 rates in surrounding communities.

A correction was made during the meeting to the Sanitary Rate Model: Line 22 included a duplicated \$1.8M payable to the Met Council. This duplication was removed, and the proposed rate remains unchanged.

Trunk fees have remained unchanged for several years. Staff recommended hiring a consultant to conduct a rate study, which can be incorporated into the next Comprehensive Plan review due within the next few years. Director Egger clarified that trunk fees are paid by developers, not residents, and are also supported through building permits for business expansions. Commissioners expressed support for the rate study.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **8.a. Well Pumping Report**

Director Egger reported that current pumpage levels are trending higher than in the same period last year. It is anticipated that water usage will decline as the City enters a lower-demand season.

The water appropriation permit amount will increase when Well 17 comes online in late spring 2026.

During the summer, Wells 12, 15, and 16 served as the primary production wells. Well usage is rotated throughout the year to balance mechanical wear and chemical application.

#### **8.b. Action Item / Issues list**

Director Egger reported that the City will undertake a pond maintenance project for Cormorant Pond in 2026. The scope of work includes sediment dredging, material disposal, and pipe extensions. Bids were opened last week, with quotes coming in approximately 20% below the original estimate. The total project cost is expected to be around \$270,000.

#### **8.c. Set Next Meeting Date & Agenda**

With the 2026 rates now reviewed and endorsed by the Commission, there will be no meeting held in November. The next scheduled meeting is set for March 23, 2026, at which time the final round of manganese sampling results will be presented.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Utility Commission at the regular meeting, and upon a motion by Demuth and a second by Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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