

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
JULY 7, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular work session meeting of the City Council was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 5:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

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

a. FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:

The Council may choose to reconvene the work session after the adjournment of the regular meeting if the business of the work session is unable to be completed in the allotted time.

DISCUSSION

a. Preliminary 2027 Budget discussion

City Administrator Martin highlighted the key items currently in the 2027 budget, noting: a significant amount of re-coding by staff to the correct accounts will continue to show changes, wages and benefits increase a total of 9.6%, an increase in the Fire Department duty crew wages and a \$1 wage increase for fire fighter volunteers which is currently a 13.5% budget increase.

Staff noted there are still several considerations before council sees the budget again, i.e. Dakota County tax impact, SAFER Grant for the 9 full-time firefighters.

City Council is comfortable with operational increase as the \$50 increase that was set in place for the public works and police department campus will be done in 2027. However, additional debt issuance will need to be discussed as staff and City Council continue to explore Parks & Recreation initiatives. Staff noted that any bonding that would possibly occur for parks projects would begin in 2028. Staff will also continue exploring the needs for a Water Treatment Plant. However, our current utility rate model has been preparing the city for a possible Water Treatment Plant for many years.

City Council agree that staff is trending in the right direction with the budget and the need for additional amenities within Rosemount while understanding the City has a lot of things going on currently. Staff will continue refining the budget and will bring forth more details about the budget at a future work session.

UPDATES

a. Staff Reports

City Council and staff discussed details regarding Leprechaun Days. In addition, discussed what items

should be discussed within the council booth. Councilmember Freske noted the Leprechaun Days Committee is in high need of volunteers and Councilmembers agreed to volunteer rather than be stationed at the booth this year.

Councilmembers suggested connecting at a different time with the community by meeting in a park, a youth game, etc. to communicate to the public about all the exciting things that are going on as well as an opportunity to connect more with the public.

Councilmember Freske suggested breaking our talking points into pillars, i.e. Public Safety, Parks, Water, etc. and suggested we connect with residents to show them all that we have been investing in and what we are planning for in the years to come and to be proud of that.

Dan Schultz discussed the park and rec improvement opportunities, reviewed potential site plans and discussed the timing of projects, which would be a fall 2026 bidding to start. Staff is moving forward on these projects and briefly showcased several of the plan sets.

Chief Thomas provided an update for the Police Department discussing the recent transition of sergeants to a Captain role. Chief Thomas also provided an update of the North Winds event in August and will provide specific details of the event once received.

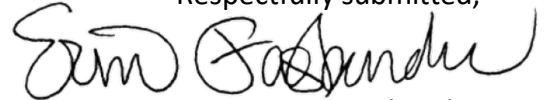
Community Development Director Kienberger provided updates on what is upcoming at future planning commission meetings. As staff continues to get more inquiries for data center-type questions, staff will explore how to provide a similar recent update about data centers at the Port Authority but in a more public format.

Public Works Director Egger provided an update that staff continues to make progress on the water infrastructure. City Councilmembers agreed to have a future joint city council and utility commission meeting to determine the next steps.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the regular council meeting and upon a motion by Weisensel the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Fasbender', written in a cursive style.

Erin Fasbender
City Clerk