

**UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the regular Utility Commission meeting of the City of Rosemount was called to order on September 27, 2021, at 5:33 p.m. in the Conference Room, City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount.

Meeting was called to order with Commissioners Rome, Demuth and Johnson, City Administrator Martin, Public Works Director Egger, City Engineer Erickson, and Recording Secretary Paque.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Johnson **Second** by Rome

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 Utility Commission meeting.

Ayes: 2. (Commissioner Demuth did not vote due to not attending the July meeting.)

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

7.a. Draft 2022 Utility Rate Models

City Engineer Erickson briefly discussed the draft water, sewer, storm, and street lighting rate models. Final models will be presented for action at the October Utility Commission meeting.

The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) increased their charges by 17.9% for 2022. The overall increase is a result of an increase to the regional flow due to growth and an increase in the overall regional MCES charges.

7.b. Draft 2022 Utility Budgets

City Engineer Erickson discussed with commissioners the draft water, sewer, storm and street lighting budgets. Final utility budgets will be presented for action at the October Utility Commission meeting.

A number of larger proposed items in the budget are upgrades to water meter reading systems, lift station cabinet replacements, MCES billing increase, and additional funding for brush clearing around storm ponds. Budgets will be finalized at the first City Council meeting in December.

7.c. Lead and Copper Service Lines

City Engineer Erickson explained that staff is still actively contacting surrounding cities to see what their policies are. Staff is also conducting research on City records for service line pipe material.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.a. City Project Update

City Engineer Erickson provided the Commission with a memo regarding ongoing projects and highlighted various projects.

8.b. Well Pumping Report

City Engineer Erickson presented the current well pumping records.

Commissioner Demuth questioned the use of Well 7 due to the manganese levels. Erickson explained there was a large demand on the system due to the recent drought conditions. In order to maintain levels in the water towers, Well 7 had to be turned on and mixed with a neighboring well. The Department of Health (MDH) advised blending Well 7 with another well to bring manganese to an acceptable level. Demuth questioned now that Summer has come to an end, if the use of Well 7 will be reduced. Staff will check with MDH on further testing and report back at the October Utility Commission meeting.

8.c. Action Item / Issues List

i. MET Council Well Assessment

MCES presented at the July Utility Commission meeting. Staff will review presentation for further use. Commissioner Johnson requested that agenda item be added on an annual basis for the Met Council to come in and represent the tool.

ii. Smart Meter Update

Staff met with vendor representatives for the replacement of water meters. Staff is working with the Finance Department to coordinate a potential change with the current utility billing software.

iv. Tour of a Water Tower

Staff will coordinate a tour before the October Utility Commission meeting.

vi. Water/Stormwater Rebate Update (quarterly)

Next report will be at the October Utility Commission meeting.

Commissioner Demuth provided a brief update that the City of Coates is working with the Minnesota Legislature to request bonding to fund a connection to Rosemount's water system. Dakota County also requested bonding for connection to the regional wastewater treatment system. Dakota County will be paying for the study.

8.d. Set Meeting Agenda for October 25, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rome adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Paque
Recording Secretary