

**UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 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 October 25, 2021, at 5:38 p.m. in the Conference Room, City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount.

Meeting was called to order with Commissioners Rome, Demuth and Johnson, Mayor Droste, City Administrator Martin, Finance Director Malecha, City Engineer Erickson, and Recording Secretary Paque.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Demuth **Second** by Johnson

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 Utility Commission meeting.

Ayes: 3.

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS

6.a. 2022 Utility Rate Models

City Engineer Erickson discussed the updates to the water, sewer, storm, and street lighting rate models. Final 2022 Utility Rate Models will go to the first council meeting in December.

Water Utility Rates

The proposed changes would result in a net increase of 4.0% to the water portion of the utility bill for the average residential water customer.

Sewer Utility Rates

The proposed changes would result in a net increase of 6.0% to the sewer portion of the utility bill for the average residential water customer.

Stormwater Utility Rates

At this time, there will not be a rate increase. The current rates should be sufficient to maintain a viable year-end balance for the next 10 years.

Street Light Utility Rates

At this time, there will not be a rate increase. The current rates should be sufficient to maintain a viable year-end balance for the next 10 years.

Overall, the proposed changes to the rate models would result in an overall net increase of 4.2% for the average customer.

Motion by Demuth **Second** by Rome

Motion to recommend City Council approval of the Water and Sewer Rate Changes for 2022.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6.b. 2022 Utility Budgets

City Engineer Erickson discussed with commissioners the water, sewer, storm, and street light budgets.

Water Utility Budget

An increase of 2.1% is included in the budget for increased meter purchases for both replacement and new homes. A small amount was added for additional contracted repair and maintenance needed.

Sewer Utility Budget

Budget increase is due to an increase in the Metropolitan Council service changes for 2022. The increase is due to Rosemount's flow accounting for a larger proportion of regional flows as well as increase in the MCES 2022 budget amount.

Storm Utility Budget

Increase in budget is primarily due to salaries.

Street Light Utility Budgets

Increase in budget is based on an estimated electric utility increase as well as additional street lights being added to the system.

Motion by Johnson **Second** by Demuth

Motion to recommend City Council approval of the 2022 Utility Budgets.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6.c. Water Efficiency & Stormwater Rebate Update

City Engineer Erickson provided an update to the commission on the third quarter of the 2021 rebate activity.

Commissioner Demuth requested that staff look into sending out promotional information to residential users about the water efficiency rebates.

NEW BUSINESS

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.

8.c. Action Item / Issues List

i. Smart Meter Update

Staff is meeting with vendor representatives for the replacement of water meters the week of November 1st.

iv. Tour of a Water Tower

Utility Commission met at Bacardi Water Tower prior to meeting.

vi. Water/Stormwater Rebate Update (quarterly)

See item 6.c.

vii. MCES WaterSense Excellence Award

8.d. Set Meeting Agenda for November 22, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rome adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Paque
Recording Secretary