

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Rosemount Council Chambers 2875 145th Street West and virtually via Zoom.

Mayor Droste called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Essler, Weisensel and Freske attending. Councilmember Essler attended meeting virtually through Zoom due to remote location. Councilmember Block was absent.

Staff present included the following;

- City Administrator Martin, Community Development Director Kienberger, Senior Planner Nemcek, Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss, Parks and Recreation Director Schultz, and Chief of Police Dahlstrom

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Weisensel Second by Freske

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Ayes: 4.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

3.a. Robert Trail Library Presentation

Robert Trail Library Branch Manager, Terry Rumpza, gave presentation to council and staff regarding their operations during COVID and their upcoming plans and improvements. Library facilities and meeting rooms are now fully open to the public. Programs are anticipated to increase as the year progresses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Weisensel Second by Freske

Motion to approve consent agenda items, with item 6.k. pulled for recognition.

- a. Bills Listing
- b. Minutes of the January 31, 2022 Work Session Proceedings
- c. Minutes of the January 31, 2022 Regular Meeting Proceedings
- d. LELS Police Unit Labor Agreement 2022-2023
- e. Teamsters Labor Agreement 2022-2023
- f. Support for Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority
- g. Approval of City Council Travel
- h. City Council Compensation

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- i. Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling – Irish Football Boosters
- j. Ball Field Use Agreement - ISD #917
- k. Receive Donations – Parks & Recreation Department
- l. Request by Tamarack Land Development for Final Plat Approval of Ardan Place Second Addition
- m. Renewal of the Max Steininger, Inc. Small Scale Mineral Extraction Permit for 2022
- n. Dakota Aggregates Large Scale Mineral Extraction Permit Renewal through 2022

**Ayes: Weisensel, Droste, Essler, Freske
Nays: None. Motion carried.**

6.k. Receive Donations – Parks & Recreation Department

Councilmember Weisensel pulled this item for further recognition and recognized First State Bank, Dakota Electric, Minnesota Energy Resources, Xcel Energy, and Rosemount Lions Club to thank them for their contributions.

Motion by Weisensel Second by Freske

Motion to Receive Donations – Parks & Recreation Department

**Ayes: Droste, Essler, Freske, Weisensel
Nays: None. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.a. 21-54-TA Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Discussion Changing Maximum Building Height in the R-4 High Density Residential Districts and the Downtown District
Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss provided a brief presentation on the proposed maximum building height ordinance amendment. Increasing the height to 4 stories, not to exceed 48', would allow for flexibility for site specific issues such as an uneven grade. Heights would be similar to the Morrison.

Mayor Droste opened the Public Hearing open at 7:24 p.m.

Motion by Droste Second by Weisensel

Motion to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Councilmember Weisensel and Mayor Droste stated that they did not see any issues with the text amendment to increase the maximum height.

Motion by Freske Second by Weisensel

Motion to Adopt a Recommend the City Council Adopt an Amendment to Sections 11-4-9 and 11-4-11 of the Zoning Ordinance Related to Maximum Building Heights in the R-4 High Density Residential District and the Downtown District.

**Ayes: Essler, Freske, Weisensel, Droste
Nays: None. Motion carried.**

7.b. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment related to Balconies or Patios

Economic Development Coordinator Van Oss provided a brief presentation of the zoning ordinance amendment to allow structures in which each of the separate dwelling units has its own private means of ingress and egress. This will allow for those dwellings to have barbeques or open flames on balconies or patios.

Mayor Droste opened the Public Hearing open at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by Droste Second by Weisensel

Motion to close the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Droste questioned if the amendment will affect any existing housing structures. Van Oss advised that no current structures will be affected by the amendment.

Motion by Weisensel Second by Essler

Motion to Adopt an Ordinance Text Amendment to Section 6-3-5 of the Zoning Ordinance related to Fires or Barbeques on Balconies or Patios.

Ayes: Freske, Weisensel, Droste, Essler

Nays: None. Motion carried.

7.c. Request by Tamarack Land Development for the Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easement over Outlot A and B, Ardan Place First Addition

Community Development Director Kienberger briefly discussed the blanket drainage and utility easement in Ardan Place First Addition.

Mayor Droste opened the Public Hearing open at 7:34 p.m.

Brian Theis, Senior Project Manager with Tamarack Land Development addressed council to note that the blanket easement was placed as an interim condition.

Motion by Droste Second by Freske

Motion to close the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

No additional comments.

Motion by Freske Second by Weisensel

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Vacation of the Blanket Drainage and Utility Easement over Outlot A and B, Ardan Place First Addition.

Ayes: Weisensel, Droste, Essler, Freske

Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

9.a. Request by Flint Hills Resources for an Interim Use Permit to Construct a Solar Facility on 314 acres west and southwest of its Pine Bend Refinery

Senior Planner Nemcek presented to council the site plan for the solar project and stated that staff recommends council approval of the interim use permit. Mayor Droste questioned if the solar power will be sold or if Flint Hills Resources will use it for internal use. Nemcek confirmed that power will be used by Flint Hills Resources to support their operations.

Jake Reint with Flint Hills Resources addressed the council to further explain the solar power will provide approximately 40% of the power that is consumed daily.

Councilmember Weisensel discussed with Mr. Reint the proposed height of the solar panels. When panels are laying flat, the structures will be approximately 9 feet tall. When the panels are angled towards the sun, the maximum height will be approximately 14 feet tall.

Land surrounding the solar facility will be re-seeded to be pollinator friendly.

Motion by Weisensel Second by Freske

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Approving an Interim Use Permit for Flint Hills Resources to Construct a Solar Facility on 314 acres west and southwest of its Pine Bend Refinery, subject to the conditions listed in the Interim Use Permit.

Ayes: Droste, Essler, Freske, Weisensel

Nays: None. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.a. Staff Updates

City Administrator Martin provided the following updates; Home & Business Expo will be hosted at the Rosemount Community Center on Saturday, March 5, the summer Park & Recreation brochure should be arriving in Rosemount resident mailboxes in early March, and numerous employment opportunities within the City of Rosemount.

10.b. Upcoming Community Calendar

Mayor Droste 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 Droste and a second by Weisensel the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Paque
Deputy City Clerk