

**ROSEMOUNT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Rosemount Council Chambers 2875 145th Street West.

Mayor Droste called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Block, Essler, Weisensel and Freske attending.

Staff present included the following;

- City Administrator Martin
- Parks & Recreation Director Schultz

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Weisensel Second by Essler

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Weisensel Second by Freske

Motion to approve consent agenda items.

- a. Bills Listing
- b. Tort Liability Insurance Limits
- c. Minutes of the August 16, 2022 Regular Meeting
- d. Halloween Event – Service Agreement
- e. Approve Minor Subdivision for Scannell Properties
- f. Request by Frana Companies, Inc., for Approval of the Final Plat for the Frana Manufacturing Facility
- g. Request for a Minor Amendment to the Amber Fields Planned Unit Development Agreement to reduce the attached garage standards for Amber Fields Fifth Addition
- h. Joint Powers Agreement with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization for the Homeowners' Association Irrigation Audit Program
- i. Accept Bids and Award Contract for Driver Avenue & Trunk Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Ayes: Weisensel, Block, Droste, Essler, Freske

Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

9.a. McMenemy Woods Purchase Agreement

Parks & Recreation Director Schultz provided an overview of the City's Parks Master Plan to have the McMenemy Woods property as a future City Park.

Dakota County has an agreement to purchase the land between the McMenemy properties. Staff from the City of Rosemount and Dakota County have been working with the McMenemy family for several years on a purchase and preservation plan for the McMenemy Woods. With the County purchasing conservation easement and greenway easement on the property, the fee title land purchase can happen a reduced rate. The total acreage will be approximately 80 acres.

Motion by Weisensel **Second** by Block

Motion to adopt a resolution that the City Council enter into a Purchase Agreement, in a format approved by the City Attorney, to Purchase the Fee Title to the McMenemy Property

Ayes: Block, Droste, Essler, Freske, Weisensel

Nays: None. Motion carried.

9.b. Establish Preliminary 2023 Budget and levy

City Administrator Martin provided the latest numbers for the Preliminary Operating Budget and Preliminary Levy for 2023. Mr. Martin expressed gratitude in the partnership in working with councilmembers and staff in working to set the 2023 Budget.

The preliminary 2023 Budget shows an increase of 7.62% to the Operating Budget, which results in a 5.96% increase in the property tax levy. This rate continues to be lower than it was in 2016, which is a reflection of the growth of the City in recent years and the effect of added taxable value. Mr. Martin highlighted changes within each department.

Councilmember Freske requested the public safety increases should be highlighted in the final presentation as this is important to residents.

Councilmember Essler stated the budget presentation should be transparent about compensation as the city needs to be competitive and retain good employees.

Councilmember Block questioned if an evaluation has been done with businesses regarding how the tax increase will impact their business value. Staff will provide these numbers in December.

Councilmember Weisensel reiterate the city does not set values on properties, this is done by the county. Also, the evaluation are 2 years delayed; meaning the taxes payable in 2023 are reality of value in 2021.

Council also reminded residents there are other components to resident's taxes; the county and school district taxes. The council encouraged residents to review their property tax statement that will be issued to residents towards the end of October.

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Motion by Essler Second by Freske

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Setting the Preliminary 2023 General Fund Operating Budget, the Preliminary 2023 C.I.P. Budgets, the Preliminary 2023 Insurance Budget, the Preliminary 2023 Port Authority Operating Levy and the Preliminary 2022 Levy and a Budget Hearing Date of December 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Ayes: Droste, Essler, Freske, Weisensel, Block

Nays: None. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.a. Staff Updates

City Administrator Martin congratulated Nick Egger on his one year anniversary of being with the city as Public Works Director.

10.b. Upcoming Community Calendar

Mayor Droste reviewed the calendar of events and upcoming meetings.

Parks & Recreation Director Schultz provided an update regarding the Food Truck Festival.

Councilmember Block provided a public statement, stating she will be resigning from City Council effective immediately. Mayor Droste thanked Councilmember Block for her service and wished her well in her future endeavors.

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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Fasbender
City Clerk