

**TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the meeting of the Technology Task Force of the City of Rosemount was called to order on November 9, 2022 at 6:33 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Attendees included Task Force Members: Steve Thoennes, Tim Bornholdt, and Mike Cahn.

Staff present included the following;

- GIS Supervisor Aaron Menza
- City Administrator Logan Martin
- Police Chief Mikael Dahlstrom

City Council present included the following;

- Councilor Heidi Freske
- Councilor Jeff Weisensel

Others present included the following;

- Sean Qualy – Dakota County Sheriff's Department, Drone Team
- Meredith Peik – Dakota County Sherriff's Department, Electronic Crimes Task Force

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Task force member Thoennes asked to hold a discussion regarding O'Reilly Media, a service provided through the Dakota County Library system that provides access to a variety of technological learning opportunities. He suggested that the City should look into providing this service to residents. Council member Freske suggested that there may not be enough users to justify it but that the task force should seek out sponsors of the program. Thoennes stated he would continue to investigate opportunities to provide this as a service to residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bornholdt, **Second** by Cahn

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2022 Technology Task Force meeting.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

4.a Police Department Technology Discussion

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Police Chief Dahlstrom introduced Meredith Peik, Digital Evidence Examiner for the Dakota County Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF). He mentioned that Rosemount partners with the County on this task force and often utilizes it in investigations.

Digital Evidence Examiner Peik explained that the task force is made up of both licensed and civilian investigators who process electronics such as phones and computers in domestic violence, child pornography, and drug overdose cases. Peik provided several examples of how the task force has been utilized in investigations and noted that task force members have a wide variety of skills which allow them to analyze complex data, secure data, and repair electronics that are needed for evidence.

Task force member Thoennes asked if there is anything the Technology Task Force could do to help ECTF. Peik mentioned that the ECTF has a variety of technical resources available to them that allows them to stay current with evolving technologies. Dahlstrom noted that financial assistance is always needed.

Sergeant Qualy discussed Dakota County's Drone Team and explained that the team has 20 members from the Sheriff's Department with 14 licensed pilots. He mentioned that the team utilizes drones with visual and infrared detection technology to assist in search and rescue operations, crime scene investigations, accident scene investigations, searches for suspects, and as a tactical supplement for ensuring public safety. He noted that the City of Rosemount has utilized the Drone Team 14 times since 2018 and provided several examples of how the City has benefited from the team.

Chief Dahlstrom noted that complaints about civilian drones are on the rise. Sergeant Qualy mentioned that those complaints are difficult to handle as the Federal Aviation Administration does not allow air space to be restricted. He noted that many cities do have ordinances against drones taking off or landing in public areas in hopes of limiting such complaints.

Task force member Cahn asked Chief Dahlstrom what the task force can do to assist the Police Department in its operations. Dahlstrom mentioned that there are a number of projects on the horizon that the task force could advise the police department on, such as public camera placement. Dahlstrom noted that he was hoping to cover a few more topics at the meeting and would like to attend an additional meeting to continue the conversation.

NEW BUSINESS

5.a Roles and Goals of the Task Force

The task force tabled this agenda item for a future meeting.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Freske asked for an update regarding electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. GIS Supervisor Menza noted that the Community Development Department is continuing to work through a re-write of the City's zoning code and that EV stations are being considered for inclusion. City Administrator Martin added that the City is meeting with a new company in the coming weeks regarding their EV station program and he is hopeful to have an update for the task force soon. He also noted that the previous company the City was working with is no longer offering the free program and is only offering the program for a fee now. Additionally, he noted that the City is looking into a similar program that is being offered by Xcel Energy.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 8:08 pm by Cahn, **Second** by Bornholdt.

Ayes: 2

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Next Task Force Meeting December 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Menza
GIS Supervisor