

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Rosemount City Council was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount.

Mayor Droste called the meeting to order with Council Members DeBettignies, Nelson, Weisensel and Demuth attending.

Staff present included the following;

- o City Administrator Johnson
- o Community Development Director Lindquist
- o Director of Public Works/City Engineer Wrase
- o Parks & Recreation Director Schultz
- o City Attorney Shaftel
- o City Clerk Hadler
- o Chief of Police Scott
- o Fire Chief Schroeder

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

City Administrator Johnson stated there were no changes to the agenda, but noted that Doug Shaftel was present representing the City as attorney.

Motion by Weisensel. **Second** by DeBettignies.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: DeBettignies, Nelson, Droste, Weisensel, Demuth

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by DeBettignies. **Second** by Demuth.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

- a. Minutes of the March 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Proceedings
- b. Bills Listing
- c. On-Sale Liquor License on Public Premise
- d. Appoint Deputy City Clerks for Election Purposes
- e. Commissioner Appointments
- f. Authorize Unclaimed Property for Official City Use
- g. Fire Chief Reappointment
- h. Fire Department Vehicle Purchases
- i. LELS Supervisory Unit, Labor Agreement 2016-2017
- j. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Dakota County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- k. Approval of Resolution Amending the Fee Schedule for Photovoltaic Solar System and other Solar Energy Systems

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- l. Renewal of the SKB Environmental Small Scale Mineral Extraction Permit at the Ped/Kuznia Properties for 2016
- m. Request by Lennar for 15 Lot Final Plat Approval of Bella Vista 4th Addition
- n. Irrigation Master Control System Purchase

Ayes: DeBettignies, Nelson, Droste, Weisensel, Demuth

Nays: None. Motion carried.

6.b. Bills Listing

Council member Nelson inquired about a bill that was payable to Kaufman Enterprises for snow removal for \$8255. Public Works Director Wrase stated this was the charge for the most recent month. Council member Nelson stated that the City should take on the labor of that snow removal. He asked if other cities also remove snow for the library, as Rosemount does. Mr. Wrase stated that he was not aware of what they do. Mr. Wrase cautioned that public works staff is already fully conscripted after a snowfall, so additional staffing would mean high overtime costs. Mayor Droste pointed out that contract costs may be cheaper than employee overtime.

Motion by Nelson. **Second** by Demuth.

Ayes: DeBettignies, Nelson, Droste, Weisensel, Demuth

Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Johnson read the names of Commission Appointments.

PUBLIC HEARING

7.a. Request by Lennar Corporation to vacate the Drainage and Utility Easement over Outlot A of the Bella Vista 3rd Addition

Community Development Director Lindquist gave an overview of the need for the easement vacation.

Mayor Droste opened the public hearing at 7:12. Hearing closed at 7:13 pm.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Droste. **Second** by DeBettignies.

Ayes: DeBettignies, Nelson, Droste, Weisensel, Demuth

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Shafter noted several corrections needed in the Resolution (see video)

Motion to adopt resolution approving the Vacation of the Drainage and Utility Easement over Outlot A, Bella Vista 3rd Addition with the modifications recommended by the City Attorney Shafter.

Motion by DeBettignies. **Second** by Demuth.

Ayes: DeBettignies, Nelson, Droste, Weisensel, Demuth
Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7. b. Certified Dental Ceramics Request to Vacate an Existing Drainage and Utility Easement

Community Development Director Lindquist gave an overview of the need for the easement vacation. The easement is no longer necessary and staff is unsure why it was originally placed there. The site plan has been approved with the condition that the easement vacation is approved by Council. Ms. Lindquist described the business and showed the site plan.

Mayor Droste opened the public hearing at 7:18. Hearing closed at 7:19 pm.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Droste. **Second** by DeBettignies.

Ayes: DeBettignies, Nelson, Droste, Weisensel, Demuth
Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt resolution approving vacation of a portion of the drainage and utility easements over Lot 3, Block 1 of South Rose Park 3rd Addition.

Motion by Demuth. **Second** by DeBettignies.

Ayes: DeBettignies, Nelson, Droste, Weisensel, Demuth
Nays: 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

9. a. Motion to Approve Solar Garden Subscription Agreements and Authorize Mayor and Clerk to Enter into Agreement

- 1. Oak Leaf**
- 2. SolarStone and Geronimo**

City Administrator Johnson provided an overview on past and currently proposed solar garden subscription agreements. The agreements are projected to decrease the energy costs of the city over time. With the agreements tonight, approximately 37% of the city's electricity will be derived from solar.

Community Development Director Lindquist stated that the Metropolitan Council has facilitated the agreements through a lottery system. All of the contracts are the same, except for the terms that each solar company had provided.

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Mayor Droste asked if all of these are for 25 years. Ms. Lindquist stated that they are.

Council member Weisensel inquired what harm would come if one of the companies defaulted. City Attorney Shaftel stated that there was no investment; it was only a subscription. The only loss is the lost savings. The City would be in a position to reinvest in another project if desired.

Council member Demuth stated there is an assumption that energy prices are going to increase 2.6% as they have in the last 15 years.

Council member DeBettignies inquired about the 1% allocation in Exhibit D. Ms. Lindquist explained how the credits are derived.

Mr. Johnson noted that the contract for rooftop solar was on hold because the company had lost its investor. Staff has recently learned that the planned re-roofing of the Community Center/Ice Arena is expecting in May, 2017 so that project will probably wait until then.

Council member Weisensel inquired about an escape clause. Attorney Shafter stated there was not, except maybe finding a substitute subscriber. This is because the company is depending on the subscriptions to sell their power.

Council member Demuth inquired about the life of a solar panel. Attorney Shaftel stated that they do degrade over time, but after 25 years they retain 75 – 80% of their production capability.

Council member Nelson inquired about how the rate was set. Attorney Shafter responded that the bill credits are 12.2 cents per Kw/h produced for Solar Stone.

Mayor Droste stated that state statute requires utility companies to have 25% renewable energy by 2020. Attorney Shaftel stated that this is a subsidized program with federal tax credits.

Motion to Approve Subscription Agreement with Oak Leaf and Authorize Mayor and Clerk to Enter into Agreement.

Motion by DeBettignies. **Second** by Demuth.

Ayes: DeBettignies, Nelson, Droste, Weisensel, Demuth

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the subscription agreement with SolarStone for 800kW and Geronimo Energy for 167 kW and authorize Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreements.

Motion by DeBettignies. **Second** by Demuth.

Ayes: DeBettignies, Nelson, Droste, Weisensel, Demuth

Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Droste reviewed the calendar of events. The State of the City address will take place tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. at the Steeple Center. The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. The next City Council work session will be held on Monday, April 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

City Administrator Johnson noted the reappointment of the Fire Chief and thanked him for his continued service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council and upon a motion by Droste, second by DeBettignies, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clarissa Hadler, City Clerk