

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a work session of the Rosemount City Council was held on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount.

Mayor Droste called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with Councilmembers Freske, Weisensel, Block and Essler attending. Staff present included the following:

- City Administrator Martin
- Chief of Police Scott
- Police Commander Dahlstrom
- Public Works Director Erickson
- Community Development Director Lindquist
- Assistant City Administrator Foster
- Public Works Supervisor Koslowski
- Public Works Coordinator Watson
- Parks & Recreation Director Schultz

Also in attendance were two ESTF Committee Members, Dan Corley from Hope Fieldhouse, and representatives from Wold Architects.

DISCUSSION

2.a. Update on Partners in Energy Program

Karen Malkowski, ESTF Committee member, gave a presentation about the Partners in Energy (PiE) program. She noted that Rosemount is a complex city due to the amount of utility providers to coordinate with. PiE started their plan development process in October 2017. In July 2018, City Council approved the energy action plan.

The energy action plan has 4 areas of focus: Residential Energy, Municipal Energy, Large Energy Users, and Small/Medium-sized Businesses.

During 2018, the PiE Program has reached out to city residents through multiple outlets:

- Conserve to Preserve Blog (Green Corp member Jes Braun facilitating)
- Newsletters through multiple city channels
- A booth at Leprechaun Days
- Distributing Materials to Family Resource Center and Rosemount Woods

Some of the 2019 initiatives for the PiE Program:

- Have informational booth at STEM Fair (rescheduled) and Home and Business Expo
- Attend Arbor Day and Food Truck Festival
- Distribute more mailings/social media (water bills, energy flyers for Rosemount Woods, posts on city website)

Vanessa Demuth, ESTF Committee member, explained the energy audit that she had completed in her own home to Councilmembers. Mayor Droste noted that Dakota County residents can also have free Radon tests completed through Dakota County Public Health Department.

2.b. Discuss Providing Financial Support of Hope Fieldhouse

Dan Corley, representative from Hope Fieldhouse, explained that their loan has been approved, and they are closing on March 18, 2019. Their plans are to break ground on April 22, 2019 with construction being complete the first week of October 2019.

Hope Fieldhouse's current plan does not include the walking track due to the expense. Corley explained that if City Council would like to see the walking track in the first phase, it would have to be funded by the city. The cost of the walking track is roughly \$180,000. Corley states that they will eventually install a walking track as funding becomes available although the timeline for installation is unknown.

Corley discussed with Council about financially supporting the Fieldhouse by waiving fees for subcontractors and permits. The amount that could be potentially waived through building permit fees is approximately \$35,000 - \$45,000 in fees, although Corley noted there are electrical and HVAC permits that were not listed in the fee schedule given to the Council. Staff indicated they are concerned about waiving permit fees since many businesses have a similar request. They suggested payment of fees for advertising and marketing at the Fieldhouse rather than waiver for fees. Council and Staff discussed other options to provide financial support.

If the City supports Hope Fieldhouse financially in any way, Corley stated that they will give Rosemount residents and individuals who work in Rosemount a discounted membership. Mayor Droste and Councilmembers would like to see the exact dollar amount and the parameters of the advertising contract brought before the Council in March.

2.c. Discuss Municipal Facility Needs Assessment

Wold Architects has met a number of times with staff over the past several months. Wold Architects presented to Council about programmatic deficiencies at various existing public facilities. Wold reviewed with the space needs for public works, the police department, and city hall. Public Works and Police are significantly under the appropriate size needed to effectively provide public services.

Wold presented two possible sites for new Public Works and Police buildings. At both of the proposed sites, they gave different layout options. There was also discussion about the existing Public Works site and what could be done if it is vacated. Mayor Droste asked for information about demolition of the entire city hall building and re-building at the same site.

Councilmembers requested to see more data from Wold about the current facilities and proposed facilities. It was agreed that the tour of public works facilities was needed to aide in the discussion.

Additional Items Discussed

Spectro Alloys

Community Development Director Lindquist gave an update to Council about Spectro Alloys looking into a parcel that is for sale next to theirs. Spectro Alloys would like to expand with a new product line and the additional space would allow for that to happen. Staff indicated to Spectro Alloys representatives that if they expanded on the adjacent site, the City would also look for improvements on the existing site.

Councilmembers and Mayor Droste had many questions but were not necessarily opposed to Spectro Alloys purchasing the land, but would like to have more information about the project and assurances would be needed regarding required code compliance improvements at the current facility.

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STAFF & COUNCIL UPDATES

Staff passed out an article that was in the Pioneer Press this week regarding the Newland Communities residential development. Mayor Droste briefly discussed the proposed development at the empty UMore property. The project would include 1,356 lots with a total of 1,556 units. The project is anticipated to take 10 years to complete. Staff expects about 200 homes a year to be built in the development.

Council Member Freske mentioned that Leprechaun Days planning is going strong but needs more volunteers. There is a Chili Cook Off planned for March 2, 2019. Mayor Droste, Council Member Essler, and Council Member Block will be judges.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, with a motion from Droste, second by Essler. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Barikmo
Recording Secretary