

**MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP
Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority
and
Delano Fire Relief Association
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McDonald called the special joint workshop of the Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority and Delano Fire Relief Association of Tuesday, May 25, 2010 to order at 7:06 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Joe McDonald, Mayor
Holly Schrupp, Council Member
Brad Hotchkiss, Council Member
Larry Bartels, Council Member
Betsy Stolfa, Council Member

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Brian Bloch, Finance Director
Bob Van Lith, Fire Chief
Tim Esler, Delano Volunteer Firefighter
Nick Werder, Director/Secretary Fire Relief Assoc.
Troy Meyer, Director/President Fire Relief Assoc.
Mike Ditty, Delano Volunteer Firefighter
Phil Carlberg, Director/Treasurer Fire Relief Assoc.
Mike Wisner, Delano Volunteer Firefighter
Paula Bauman, Recorder

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Joe McDonald started out the meeting thanking the members of the Delano Fire Department for all their hard work and dedication.

A. Discuss Fire Relief audit.

Brian Bloch discussed the Fire Relief's yearly audit. Discussion included the minimum years required for fire fighters to be fully invested for retirement, and age of retirement. Bloch stated with the downturn in the economy and the stock markets – the Fire Relief's investments have taken a significant hit over the past two years. These losses in the stock

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market have resulted in lower assets available for the Relief to payout possible pensions. The lower assets available for possible payouts means the required contributions from the City would have to increase significantly in 2011 unless the pension benefit is lowered in 2010. Lowering the pension benefit from \$2,575 to \$2,400 will keep the 2011 required City Contribution at \$26,000.

Fire Relief members discussed the increase in Fire Department calls, the increased training required to be a fire fighter – while discussing the possibility of keeping the contribution at a minimum dollar amount without lowering it. Council discussed the Stock Market fluctuations stating it wouldn't benefit the members in the long run.

Bloch stated this item will continue to be discussed and will be brought to a regular council meeting for formal vote. No motion taken.

B. Fire policy and procedure.

Van Lith stated starting June 1st the department will require thirty percent reporting to the station for daytime calls and thirty percent reporting for night-time calls. This is due to nighttime respondents percentages are weak. Van Lith stated at the next meeting this item will be discussed further. No motion taken.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the special joint workshop with the Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority and Delano Fire Relief Association of Tuesday, May 25, 2010 was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Joe McDonald, Mayor

Marlene E. Kittock, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Paula Bauman, Recorder