

**MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
SPECIAL WORKSHOP
City Council/Economic Development Authority
Monday, July 26, 2010
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McDonald called the Special Workshop of the Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority of Monday, July 26, 2010 to order at 6:03 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: Phil Kern, City Administrator
Ernie Eden, Public Works Director
Marlene E. Kittock, City Clerk
Paula Bauman, Recorder

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Discuss potential floodplain acquisitions.

Kern discussed the potential FEMA grant funding to purchase properties within the floodplain. Staff had met with Gina Coburn, owner of Three Crows on River Street, of the possibility of relocating her business. Because of the location of Ms. Coburn's building and its proximity to the river, it has documented flooding, and the City cannot completely protect her against future flooding the possibility of receiving FEMA Grant funding is a good possibility. In earlier conversations held with Ms. Coburn she showed an interested in the possibility of relocating her business. Staff will need to put together costs and have an appraisal done on the site. An appraisal will cost approximately \$900. Council discussed the possible locations to relocate her business stating they prefer to see her stay in the downtown area. Kern stated he will start the appraisal process and bring back to Council at a future date. No motion taken.

B. Discuss Central Park.

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Kern updated Council on a complaint received from the property owner at 517 3rd Street North. Two years ago this property owner had complaints about the newly built ball fields across from his property in regards to people walking on and cutting through his property and also balls coming into his yard. At that time, Council approved the installation of fence along his property line to rectify the situation and the property owner was satisfied with the decision. In late June of this year the City received a claim that a ball from the ball field hit his vehicle. This was sent to our insurance and the claim was paid. Since the end of June Staff has received three or four more complaints and the property owner is clearly upset over the situation. Council discussed the appraisal that was done on the property in 2008 and the potential uses for the property. No motion taken.

Kern stated in 2013 the City of Delano will be hosting the State Baseball Tournament. The Delano A's are in the process of submitting a list of requested upgrades that are need in Central Park. Some of the items listed were new scoreboards and fence replacement. The Delano A's and the Fourth of July Committee is also discussing a new concession stand at the Grandstand. The Fourth of July Committee has discussed taking out the hamburger stand, and bank building to construct a new building as part of a larger project. The group is working to get concept drawings and develop a budget. Once this is done the requests will be brought in front of Council. Hotchkiss questioned if the City will also fund the project. Kern stated they will be looking for funding from the City. Stolfa questioned the plans for Central Park stating she would like to see the whole concept plans before any decision is made. Joe McDonald stated because of economy issues and no money for funding an overhaul of what we have now should be done by cleaning, sanitizing and updating the current buildings. Council discussed the Central Park buildings and what needs to updated and fixed.

C. Review Compensation Plan.

Kern stated this item was a continuation from June's meeting. Kern explained the current step program for employees and reviewed the last few years of the cost of living increases. Currently, due to the economy, the step program has not been implemented. Mayor McDonald stated, because of the economy, he is not in favor of implementing the step increases at this time. Council reviewed the step program and the cost of living increases while discussing the private sectors and the economy. Council discussed the possibility of employees doing the same job but getting paid different salaries. No motion taken.

D. Attorney/Client Privilege: Discuss Leland and Sons Eminent Domain.

This item will be discussed at a later date.

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4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the Special Workshop of the Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority of Monday, July 26, 2010 was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Joe McDonald, Mayor

Marlene E. Kittock, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Paula Bauman, Recorder