

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DELANO  
SPECIAL WORKSHOP  
City Council/Economic Development Authority  
Monday, October 24, 2010  
5:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-tem, Holly Schrupp, called the Special Workshop of the Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority of Monday, October 24, 2010 to order at 5:35 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  
Brian Bloch, Finance Director  
Paula Bauman, Recorder

**Delano Water, Light and Power Commission:**

**Members Present:** Larry Bartels, Council Member/Commissioner  
Bob Hutter, Commissioner  
Jonathan Ness, Commissioner  
Randy Keranen, Commissioner  
Joseph Johnson, Commissioner

**Also Present:** Hal Becker, Utilities General Manager  
Aimee Dreger, Recorder

**3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**A. Discuss 2011 Budget and Tax Levy.**

Bloch recapped past budget discussion stating the City currently has to cut from operating expenditures to get 2011 operating expenditures to the same level as 2010 operating expenditures. Bloch and Council discussed items of proposed budget adjustments. Bloch stated these items will be reviewed and brought back at a later date. No motion taken.

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**B. Discuss Veolia Waste Water Treatment Plant Contract.**

This item was not discussed and will be brought to Council at a later date.

**C. Joint discussion with Delano Municipal Utilities regarding Electric Enterprises.**

City Council and Water, Light and Power Commission discussed the evaluation of the utility in which Springsted has provided three firms to request RFPs (Request for Proposals) from. Council discussed the process of evaluating the utility and suggested doing it in two parts. Part one would be of the market value of the electric utility and part two would be to evaluate the operation of the utility and to make recommendations for improvement. The Delano City Council and the Water, Light and Power Commission discussed the ultimate goals of the evaluation.

Council and the utility commission then discussed which would benefit the City and Utility better an evaluation study or for a RFP for the sale of the utility. Council discussed whether Xcel Energy or Wright/Hennepin Electric would be interested in purchasing the electric utility and to make sure it is clear what the benefit would be if sold.

**Motion Number (M-10-237) Motion by Brad Hotchkiss, seconded by Holly Schrupp to recommend the Utility Commission meet with Xcel Energy and Wright/Hennepin Electric and to pay \$6,750 towards the first part of the LLS evaluation proposal. Motion Carried 5-0 by Roll Call Vote.**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss the Special Workshop of the Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority of Monday, October 24, 2010 was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Joe McDonald, Mayor

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Marlene E. Kittock, City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Paula Bauman, Recorder