

**MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOPS
Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority
Tuesday, June 21, 2011
5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Graunke called the Special Joint Workshop of the Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority of Tuesday, June 21, 2011 to order at 5:30 PM.

**** (A)** *The first workshop called to order is the Special Joint with Park & Recreation Committee and Representatives for Central Park.*

***** (B)** *Immediately following, the second workshop called to order is the Special Joint with Delano Water, Light and Power Commission.*

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dale Graunke, Mayor
Holly Schrupp, Council Member
Betsy Stolfa, Council Member
Dan Vick, Council Member
Derek Schansberg, Council Member

Members Absent: None

Also Present at Park & Rec. Meeting: Phil Kern, City Administrator
Ernie Eden, Public Works Director
Park & Recreation Committee: Joe Schleper, Heather Motzko, Chris Hart, Mary Ditty, Mike Lindquist and Dan Menk
Representatives for Central Park: Tim Diem (4th of July Committee)
Dan Sjordahl, Northwest Assoc. Consult. (NAC)
Wendy Biel, Recorder

Also Present at Power Commission Meeting: Hal Becker, General Manager DMU
Delano Water, Light and Power Commission: Larry Bartels, Jonathan Ness, Bob Hutter and Randy Keranen
Phil Kern, City Administrator
Amy Dreger, DMU Recorder
Wendy Biel, Recorder

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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**** (A) Joint workshop with the Park & Recreation Committee and Representatives for Central Park: Discuss the Central Park Master Plan**

Phil Kern introduced Dan Sjordahl, representing NAC, who had met with various Central Park facility users (i.e. Relay for Life Committee, Delano Baseball/Softball Associations, Park & Recreation representatives, etc.); tonight's presentation was a review of five primary topics: (1) creating more usable space, (2) maintaining the historic layout, (3) accessing the condition of current structures, (4) accessibility for annual events (i.e. Relay for Life, July 4th Celebration, Pair-A-Dice Cruisers, etc.) and (5) possibility of a splash pad.

As Mr. Sjordahl discussed each topic of development, attendees made various suggestions and comments pertaining to their association's need. (Topic # 1) A significant concern is to develop more green space for the increasing number of sports organizations; one possibility is on the west side River Road (field # 12) reconstructing the dyke along Crow River which would allow for more playing field area. (Topic # 2 & 3) There are many large oaks surrounding the various buildings and stands which will need to be protected; these trees offer valuable shading as well as adding deep-rooted character to Central Park. There are buildings in need of mechanical, plumbing and structural improvements; the need to prioritize these by use and by cost will dictate the order of improvement(s) made and/or their replacement(s). (Topic # 4) All attendees agreed that Central Park is a valuable asset to the community and to the various organizations utilizing it year after year. The re-design and improvements should not only benefit current organizations but create an interest amongst new organizations. Discussion continued regarding changing traffic directions and increasing parking space so that more events can be accommodated for. (Topic # 5) Mr. Sjordahl noted the Splash Pad was a popular request by various youth groups; however, further discussion is needed concerning: location, age appropriate design, initial cost and continued maintenance cost.

Discussion continued with topics of funding, advertising opportunities, community involvement, safety concerns, traffic control and parking matters, possibly working with Wright County to install a 3 Way Stop at River Street N and Highway 30N, also lowering the speed limit on Highway 17 between Highway 30N and Farmington. Mr. Sjordahl will integrate tonight's discussion and points of interest for the continued development of the Central Park Master Plan.

With no further discussion or motion taken; meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

***** (B) Joint workshop with Delano Water, Light and Power Commission for: Consider agreement regarding reallocations of CAPX 2020 Participation**

Hal Becker, General Manager Delano Municipal Utilities, reminded Council that previously the decision was made not to participate in the CAPX2020 project; this decision did not relieve DMU of its financial obligation for costs incurred during the development phase of this project. Becker continued to inform Council that a group of six participants have agreed to expand their share of the CAPX2020 project by

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absorbing the DMU's vacated share and assuming all obligations that remain to be paid by DMU with the exception of \$50,000.00. This is the final proposal from the group and will remain valid until June 22, 2011.

Phil Kern reminded Council that reimbursement from the group comes to fruition when the project comes to completion; he also reminded Council that Mark Johnson has not had time to review the final proposal which was submitted today. Becker suggested approving the agreement, pending Mark Johnson's review, because of the June 22, 2011 deadline.

Members of the Delano Water, Light and Power Commission and Council thanked Hal for his diligence in recouping the majority of expenses that could have been accrued by the City.

Motion Number (M-11-153) Motion by Jonathon Ness, second by Bob Hutter to recommend agreement as presented to Council for approval. Motion carried.

Motion Number (M-11-154) Motion by Dan Vick, second by Betsy Stolfa to approve the agreement to release DMU of future obligations for CAPX2020 project and reimburse DMU for part of expenditures already incurred, pending Mark Johnson's review and endorsement.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the Special Joint Workshop of the Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority of Tuesday, June 21, 2011 was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Dale Graunke, Mayor

Marlene E. Kittock, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Wendy Biel, Recorder