

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
City Council/Economic Development Authority
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Graunke called the joint workshop of the Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority and Water, Light and Power Commission of Tuesday, December 10, 2019, to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: Dale Graunke, Mayor; Councilmembers Betsy Moran, Holly Schrupp, Jason Franzen and Jon Sutherland

Water, Light and Power Commission Members Present: Adam Steffl, Chairman (via telephone); Commissioners Randy Keranen, Jason Franzen, Nicholas Willing, Michael Mathisen

Also Present: Phil Kern, City Administrator; Paula Bauman, Administrative Services Coordinator; Paul Twite, General Manager; Wendy Neu, Recorder

3. Special Order of Business

A. Updates from the Delano City Council and Water, Light, and Power Commission

General Manager, Paul Twite, and City Administrator, Phil Kern, updated the group on current projects and happening within the departments. Discussion included DMU strategic plan and engineering study, modernizing current equipment and response time. Phil Kern gave an update on potential Waste Water Treatment Facility changes and updates related to the MPCA ruling the non-native Phragmites as a prohibited noxious weed. In addition, Kern discussed the preliminary tax levy, rental housing, West Metro Business Park, Quik Shop demolition and construction projects.

B. Discuss natural gas service

With the recent growth within West Metro Business Park, the current natural gas infrastructure cannot support Tuffy's new facility. Xcel Energy has provided the business with costs for new infrastructure and was found to be cost prohibitive. After some research, Paul Twite state a number of communities provide limited natural gas within their respective cities. Staff has begun to look into this and have been in contact with Northern Natural Gas to look into the options for the City. As more information becomes available, Staff will notify Council and the Commission.

C. Discuss facility needs

The group briefly discussed the facility needs for both the City Public Works and DMU. This will be looked into further in the coming months.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the special joint workshop of the Delano City Council and Water, Light and Power Commission of Tuesday, December 10, 2019, was adjourned.

Dale Graunke, Mayor

Paula Bauman, Administrative Services Coordinator