

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
City Council/Economic Development Authority
Tuesday, November 24, 2020
7:00 PM

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2. **Call to Order**

Mayor Graunke called the special workshop of the Delano City Council of Tuesday, November 24, 2020, to order at 7pm.

3. **Roll Call**

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

Also Present: Phil Kern, City Administrator; Paula Bauman, Administrative Services Coordinator; Rebecca Gaida, Administrative Intern

4. **Special Order of Business**

- A. Discuss Public Art Policy and Art Walk Concept Plan

Phil Kern discussed the current art policy and procedure to submit a request for new art while discussing the proposed changes. Staff is recommending shorting the process and requirements for group review. Jason Franzen stated the longer time frame helps with gathering input and along a fair review. Dale Graunke agreed. Phil Kern stated there could still be a public comment period, but fewer committee meetings in the same time frame. Kern stated this will go in front of Council for formal review.

Phil Kern discussed the art walk and location of art within the park. Council discussed extending seasonal and/or temporary art into downtown. Discussions moved to a safe river crossing for pedestrians. Kern stated a feasibility study would need to be completed to determine pricing.

- B. Discuss nature trail project

The Park and Recreation Commission has been discussing the creation of nature trails within the community. Points of discussion is Kramer Park and Liberty Landing Development. Kramer Park has trails going down to the river. Due to flooding in the spring and fall, the trails are not maintained. Park and Rec have discussed a winter trail – lightly groomed to allow for

snowshoeing or hiking. Liberty Landing has a half mile mowed trail that circles the perimeter of the back of the development along the river.

C. Discuss Litfin Park Plan

Phil Kern gave background on the Litfin lot and the master plan. The goal is to develop unique amenities, planned amenities include a canoe launch, archery course, disc golf, dog park, and groomed trails. All uses are low investment and improvements will come from the park dedication, grants or private investments. Jon Sutherland stated the Park Board had discussed a park in the area, but felt a dog park was a more immediate need. In addition, the Board discussed campground, but decided that could go elsewhere. The Council discussed the plan and layout for the archery and disc golf fields and the safety of its users. Council requested to walk the property to see how everything will lay out. This it will be discussed further at a future meeting.

D. Discuss sanitary sewer service line policy

Council discussed the current sanitary sewer service line policy. Kern discussed recent sewer service a resident needed to pay for and what areas the City covered. Jon Sutherland stated he has empathy for new homebuyers experiencing an unexpected expense of a sewer line. Council discussed recent changes in the policy. Mayor Graunke stated the Council is not looking to change anything else in the policy at this time. Councilmember Moran agreed stating it has been voted on and its time to move forward. Sutherland stated he disagreed.

Motion by Dale Graunke, seconded by Betsy Moran keep the sanitary sewer service line policy as is and not make any changes; motion carried with Jon Sutherland opposed.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the special workshop of the Delano City Council/Economic Development Authority of Tuesday, November 24, 2020, was adjourned.

Signed:

Dale Graunke, Mayor

Attest: Paula Bauman, Administrative Services Coordinator