

**MINUTES OF THE DELANO WATER, LIGHT AND POWER COMMISSION  
CITY OF DELANO, COUNTY OF WRIGHT, STATE OF MINNESOTA  
WITH ALL ACCOUNTS BEING AUDITED BY SAID COMMISSION  
JOINT MEETING  
Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holly Schrupp called the joint meeting to order for City Council  
Commission Chair Mike Mathisen called the meeting to order for DMU

2. ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present – Chairman Mike Mathisen, Commissioners Nick Willing, Larry Bartels, Chris Link, and John Beussman

Also Present - Recorder Wendy Neu

Council Members Present - Mike Mathisen, Becky Schaust, and Jason Franzen

Also Present - Phil Kern City Administrator; Shawn Louwagie City Engineer; Bryce Borland Deputy Clerk; Robert Hopwood Delano Herald Journal

A. General Updates

Phil Kern presented City Updates

- Big bump from 2023 to 2024 for permits issued ranging from residential, commercial, and industrial
- Wastewater Plant phase 2 now expected in 2035 as the city growth rate was lower than anticipated
- Delano School district enrollments have remained flat and steady over the years despite concerns on the increase of housing development
- West End Condos have an expansion planned, Cemstone relocation is going to be a 2.5-year construction transition
- Fire Station feasibility study was discussed to assist in future goal setting

Wendy Neu presented DMU Updates

- The Water, Light, and Power Commission voted to approve bonding at their last meeting
- DMU saw positive feedback when implementing odd/even water restrictions
- Many different techniques are being looked into for water capacity solutions
- New substation is a work in progress on McKinley
- Cold Weather Rule has started
- Mike Mathisen discussed Gen-9 and what it takes to get this generator online

B. General Utility Business

- Phil Kern discussed they are looking at a 3.5% increase on development fees
- Cost of living increase of roughly 3-3.5% for employment wages
- Franklin Township is in support of paving 90<sup>th</sup> St and County Line Rd
- City is working closely with the county to conduct a capacity study of the roadway system that includes County Road 16 and County Road 30

- Shawn Louwagie & Phil Kern gave a brief update on the shared space with Ridgewater College

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Mike Mathisen, Chair

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Larry Bartels, Secretary