

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
August 24, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – Avenue.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Dowling led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Aguirre, Chavez, Morris, Ramirez, Vallejo

Council members absent: none

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Attorney Alan Peake (via telephone), City Clerk Kraft, Interim Community Development Director Carino, Public Works Director & City Engineer Dowling

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

1. Approve Agreement for Rate Study for Water, Sewer, Solid Waste, and Street Cleaning with Wildan Financial Services in the amount of \$71,895

Mr. Dowling presented the staff report. Public meeting will be held to inform the public that rate increases are being considered. The study will be ready for council to adopt the first meeting in December. That will begin a 45 day period for the Prop 218 process. New rates could be adopted the end of January.

There was discussion regarding the public meetings with the suggestion they be held at school sites and a translator be available. Staff will do a campaign to notify citizens of the meetings including print, water bill inserts, distributing notices at festivals and events, and public service announcements.

There was discussion regarding out-sourcing some of the services. An RFP can be issued, but it may be beneficial to know which rates will go up and by how much first. Mr. Dowling noted that since the refuse routes have been adjusted, we now have the capability to do our own recycling.

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and carried by the following vote to approve an agreement for rate study with Wildan Financial Services. Agreement No. 2011-64
AYES: Aguirre, Chavez, Morris, Vallejo NOES: Ramirez

Councilman Aguirre requested council re-visit the subject matter of furloughs and asked that it be placed on a future agenda. Mr. Peake stated it should be placed on closed session as it would require negotiations with the employee groups.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 12:27 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk