

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Work Session was duly held in the City Council Chambers at 11:10 a.m. on the 12th day of March, 2010. The following members were present: Mayor Diane Barrett, Council members Fred Barsness, Bryan Haugen, Richard Nielsen, and Brian Paulson. Also present was City Administrator Heineman, Attorney Scott Riggs, Operations Superintendent Randy Eggert, Utility Commissioners Scott Swenhaugen and Mike Engel, and Administrative Assistant Pam Blow.

Presentation by Steve Downer, Associate Executive Director of Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA)

Downer went through a power point presentation, giving information about MMUA. He noted that Kenyon Municipal Utilities (KMU) is a typical utility of 125 in the State of Minnesota, and only one municipal utility has sold out over the last twenty years. There have been forty-six municipals formed during that time, across the U.S. Downer noted that moving forward with the goal of maintaining and improving the utility will enhance this valuable asset. According to Downer, a municipal is the most accessible to its customers. Downer's presentation included information on the Utility Commission, CIP programs, and renewable energy. He stated that by 2025, twenty-five percent of electricity must come from renewable energy sources. Heineman distributed a summary of CMMPA power portfolio. Downer noted that the biggest obstacle for renewable energy is transmission lines and who will pay for them. MMUA has a financing program for renewables, and can act as a power agency. Downer addressed using natural gas for creating electricity, and noted that the price of electricity will be driven by the price of natural gas, and this is not a long-term solution.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Pam Blow, Administrative Assistant

Diane Barrett, Mayor