

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES – MAY 28, 2019

Call Work Session to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Stieve-McPadden and Butterfield

ABSENT: Council Member Boder and McNeilly

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum and City Attorney Sullivan

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Jensen and Don Wachholz,

1. Solar Energy Programs – RenaSola and Novel

McCallum provided some history on the community solar garden discussion. She said that the city has been approached by two solar companies, Novel Energy and RenaSola. She explained that at the April 22, 2019 meeting, Novel Energy did a presentation of their Value of Solar Program.

Novel Energy is proposing a guaranteed saving program in which the City would be subscribing to a subscription rate (preestablished for 25 years) that will always be 1 cent below the Value of Solar Bill Credit Rate, thus guaranteeing a 1 cent per kWh savings. There is a \$0 upfront, no pricing risk and no production risk. The garden is located in Lester Prairie and the contract would be an 8 year contract with a 2 year replacement period if the City chooses to do so. Up to 25 years. The projected savings would be about \$5,700/year. Novel is a Minnesota Company.

Eric Jensen from RenaSola provided a presentation on the RenaSola Community Garden program.

Jensen explained that RenaSola works off a Applicable Retail Rate (ARR) Bill Credit program. The subscription would be for 25 years. He presented information on a Flat rate option and a guaranteed savings option with a savings of 1.5 cents per kWh. RenaSola has a national and international presence. The garden is located in Plato, Minnesota.

The Council asked staff to come back to the Council at their next regular meeting this pros and cons for each program.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Margaret McCallum, City Administrator