

JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 2010
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Liechty at 3:00 PM.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Mayor Liechty, Council Members Kourajian, Nygaard and Schulz, City Attorney Dalsted, City Engineer Schwartzkopf and City Administrator Fuchs. Absent: Council Member Parisien.

City Engineer Schwartzkopf provided an update to the City Council on information from the Corps of Engineers who have indicated that the City should begin preparations for a possible discharge from the Jamestown Reservoir and Pipestem Dam projects of up to a combined 1800 CFS later this spring. With this preliminary information, he felt that the City Council should approve a Resolution to declare an Emergency in order to request the necessary assistance from Stutsman County, the State of North Dakota and the Corps of Engineers.

Council Member Parisien seated herself.

Mayor Liechty moved a Resolution to declare an emergency to prepare for higher than normal water releases from both the Jamestown Reservoir and the Pipestem Dams due to the anticipated high amount of run-off expected from this season's heavy snow and probable spring run-off. Seconded by Council Member Kourajian. Roll Call No. 1 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

Mayor Liechty moved a Resolution that the City Council authorize the taking of 50% of the 1% City Sales Tax, dedicated for Economic Development, and utilize the funds for the City Share of Special Assessments; to extend the 1% City Sales Tax until the year 2022; and the City picking up the annual \$280,000 obligation for the Wastewater Treatment Plant debt service payment. Seconded by Council Member Kourajian.

Considerable discussion was held by the Council Members, with input from residents Don Jan, 306 15th Ave. NE, John Grabinger 1008 8th Ave. NE, and Alex Schweitzer, board member of the JSDC, relative to the merits of using the Sales Tax for City Share Special Assessments, the appropriate percentage that should be redirected; the sub-committees work with the JSDC on a proposal; and the JSDC recommendation for the allocation.

Roll Call No. 2 showed: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Council Member Schulz), 0 absent. Carried.

Council Member Parisien moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

ATTEST:

JEFF FUCHS, City Administrator

APPROVED:

CLARICE LIECHTY, Mayor