

JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2013

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Mayor Andersen called the special meeting of the City Council to order at 4:00 P.M.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Mayor Andersen, Council Members Gumke, Kourajian, Buchanan and Brubakken, City Attorney Dalsted, City Engineer Schwartzkopf and City Administrator Fuchs.

Mayor Andersen introduced Matt Dennis, R.H. Johnson Company, and Drew Snyder, Woodsonia Real Estate Group, the developers engaged by the City to provide a retail leakage study and if significant to seek out and encourage big box retail development for the area. She also introduced Jeff Elliott, E & A Consulting Group, which performs engineering services for retail development.

Drew Snyder presented a report which has been prepared which indicates that a significant portion of home improvement sales are being made outside the Jamestown trade area. Their report indicated that only about 1.8% of home improvement dollars are spent in our trade area compared to 11%-21% being spent in comparable markets. The report indicated that if home improvement sales in Jamestown were comparable to similar markets the projected increase in city sales tax collected annually would be approximately \$1,132,000. Mr. Snyder also stated that the information has been provided to home improvement store operators and that one of the three larger companies has indicated an interest in serving the Jamestown market.

Following the presentation, Council Member Gumke moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

ATTEST:
JEFF FUCHS, City Administrator

APPROVED:
KATIE ANDERSEN, Mayor