

JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH 30, 2009
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Liechty at 4:00 P.M.

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

The purpose of the meeting was to review the current plan for managing the anticipated high releases from the Jamestown Reservoir and Pipestem Dam.

The City Administrator presented a brief outline of the current plans for dealing with an 1800 CFS release from the Jamestown Reservoir and Pipestem Dam projects. They include a number of Corps of Engineers earthen levees as well as a number of sandbag dikes to be constructed by the City. The plan also consists of using Jamestown College and Jamestown High School students and community volunteers to assist with filling sandbags at the Civic Center as well construction of the sandbag dikes which is currently scheduled to begin Saturday, April 4, 2009, and take approximately 3 days. A written synopsis of the plan was given to the Council Members with a number of questions presented to and answered by the City Engineer.

The City Engineer explained that sandbags acquired by the City and County from the Corps of Engineers, by Corps policy, can only be used for City related protection of infrastructure or to protect multiple structures. They are not to be used for individuals.

Information was presented on the maps of levees and dikes which is available on the County web site.

Elected officials were informed that they may attend informational inter-agency meetings dealing with the current situations where the media has been notified and invited to attend; however, the elected officials were reminded that no decisions or actions of a governing body can take place without notification of a special meeting of the governing body at a special meeting following notice to the media and public.

It was announced that the Corps of Engineers may conduct another public meeting during the week of April 6th; however, nothing has been scheduled at this time.

Mayor Liechty moved a Resolution to make a request to the Stutsman County Emergency Manager's Office requesting assistance from the Corps of Engineers in removing debris from the river channels prior to making large volume releases from the Jamestown Reservoir and Pipestem Dam projects as the City does not have adequate resources for performing such work. Seconded by Council Member Parisien. Roll Call No. 1 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

Council Member Nygaard moved a Resolution to have the City purchase 70,000 sandbags and sand and to work with Stutsman County to make them available for individual use. Seconded by Council Member Schulz. Roll Call No. 2 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

It was determined to hold a special meeting of the City Council on March 31, 2009, at 4:00 P.M., to determine whether the Special City Election scheduled to be held on April 7, 2009, at the Jamestown Civic Center should be rescheduled.

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

ATTEST:

JEFF FUCHS, City Administrator

APPROVED:

CLARICE LIECHTY, Mayor