

JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 12, 2006
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Liechty at 8:00 A.M.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Mayor Liechty, Council Members Schulz, Heinrich, Grabinger and Parisien, City Attorney Dalsted, City Engineer Horgan, and Deputy City Auditor Sveum. Absent: City Administrator Fuchs.

City Engineer Horgan updated the City Council on the water levels at the Frontier Village Reservoir and water usage on an hourly basis for the past few days and stated the pumps are capable of pumping approximately five million gallons of water per day and that the daily water usage with the current restriction of no lawn watering is just under five million gallons.

Jack Knudson, Water Plant Superintendent, stated the pumps are basically running 24 hours per day with time allowed for cleaning and updated the Council on the history and maintenance of the five (5) wells currently in use.

Al Gullickson (Plant Manager, Jamestown College) and Doug Hogan (Director, Jamestown Parks & Recreation) appeared before the Council to request variances to the water restriction for the athletic fields.

Randy Pope, Interstate Engineering, Inc., updated the Council on the progress of the Water Well Replacement Project, No. 4700498-02, and that SRF (State Revolving Funds) funding would be used for the project, and the bid opening is scheduled at 11:00 A.M., July 27, 2006.

Joe Sykora (Business Manager, Jamestown Public Schools) stated the football fields are watered from the river and the future soccer field will not be seeded until approximately September 1st.

Fire Chief Gray discussed concerns of water supply availability for fire calls.

City Attorney Dalsted (on behalf of Police Chief Donegan) stated the Police Department has received a total of 51 citizen complaints on lawn watering of which 22 were found to be watering from wells and the Police Chief would like direction from the Council as to what enforcement action to take in regard to future complaints.

City Forester Quam discussed water conservation of lawns, gardens and flowers and stated the new trees on 3rd Street SE are being watered with river water.

The following residents spoke with their concerns to the water restrictions: Thomas Kleingartner, 1002 19th Street NE; Thomas Ravely, 1205 15th Street SW; Harvey Jensen, 1407 5th Avenue NE.

Council Member Grabinger moved a Resolution to approve and allow maintaining the total water restrictions with the exceptions for flowers, gardens, newly planted trees, shrubs, newly sodded and seeded lawns between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. only; to approve and direct the City Engineer to declare an emergency; to direct the Police Department to issue a warning to city residents for a first offense in violation of the water restriction and to issue citations on any further violations; and that the maximum penalties as provided in Section 1-9 of the Code of the City of Jamestown are up to \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment for each such offense. Seconded by Council Member Schulz.

Council Member Heinrich moved a Resolution to amend the motion to include exceptions for the athletic fields for Jamestown College, Jamestown Parks & Recreation and Jamestown Public Schools per their request letters. Seconded by Council Member Parisien. Roll Call No. 1 showed: 4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent. Carried. (Heinrich, Liechty, Parisien, and Schulz voted aye, Grabinger voted nay.)

Mayor Liechty moved to amend the motion to allow residents that are in the process of painting homes to power wash the home. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Roll Call No. 2 on the Resolution, as amended, showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.
Carried.

Council Member Grabinger moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Heinrich.
Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JAY SVEUM, Deputy City Auditor

CLARICE LIECHTY, Mayor