

JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 19, 2014  
OFFICIAL MINUTES

Mayor Andersen called the special city council meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

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

Council Member Kourajian moved a Resolution to award the bid for replacement of permanent seating in the upper concourse of the Jamestown Civic Center, to George Abell Construction, in the amount of \$439,205.00. Seconded by Council Member Gumke. Roll Call No. 1 showed: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Carried.

Gail Martin, 606 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, appeared before the City Council to indicate that she felt the issue of fireworks should not be an election ballot issue.

Cory Bayer, 8496 Country Club Road, a fireworks retailer, appeared in support of leaving the existing ordinance in place.

Danielle Schmidt, 516 10<sup>th</sup> St SW, spoke in support of the City Council amending the fireworks ordinance to limit them to five days.

Lucas Keller, a fireworks retailer, supports leaving the existing ordinance in place as is.

Mari Kessler, 227 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, spoke in support of a public vote on the issue.

Council Member Gumke moved a Resolution to submit for a vote of the electorate pursuant to Sec. 13.17 (b) of the Code of the City of Jamestown, ND, a referendum to amend and re-enact Section 15-33 of the Code of the City of Jamestown pertaining to sale and use of fireworks. Seconded by Council Member Brubakken. Roll Call No. 2 showed: 3 ayes, 1 nay (Kourajian), 1 absent. Carried.

Council Member Gumke moved a Resolution to approve and authorize the issuance of improvement warrants and exchanging them for \$4,520,000.00 Refunding Improvement Bonds of 2014, Series W, and awarding the sale of \$4,520,000.00 Refunding Improvement Bonds to Raymond James & Associates, Inc., for the purchase price of \$4,690,659.40 at an average annual net interest rate of 2.226149%. Seconded by Council Member Kourajian. Roll Call No. 3 showed: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Carried.

Council Member Brubakken moved a Resolution to approve and authorize the issuance of improvement warrants and exchanging them for \$870,000.00 Tax Refunding Improvement Bonds of 2014, Series X, and awarding the sale of \$870,000.00 Tax Refunding Improvement Bonds to Northland Securities, Inc., for the purchase price of \$861,608.70 at an average annual net interest rate of 3.417855%. Seconded by Council Member Gumke. Roll Call No. 4 showed: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Carried.

Tina Lawrence, 816 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, representative of University of Jamestown, stated the Buffalo Holdings, LLC, hotel project will benefit the University of Jamestown when bidding tournaments and for student families when visiting the university.

Clarice Liechty, 511 8<sup>th</sup> St SW, spoke in support of the request for tax exemptions for Buffalo Holdings, LLC.

Darren Trudeau, Pace Lodgings, stated the proposed waterslide would benefit the hotel and city.

Council Member Brubakken moved a Resolution to grant Buffalo Holdings, LLC, property tax relief for a hotel project to be located on a portion of Block 6, Buffalo Mall Subdivision, 930 25th St SW, as follows: Year 1- 100%; Year 2 - 80%; Year 3 - 60%; Year 4 - 40%; Year 5 - 20%. The motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Gumke moved a Resolution to grant Buffalo Holdings, LLC, property tax relief in the amount of 100% for 5 years, for a hotel project to be located on a portion of Block 6, Buffalo Mall Subdivision, 930 25th St SW. Seconded by Council Member Kourajian. Roll Call No. 5 showed: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Carried.

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

ATTEST:  
JEFF FUCHS, City Administrator

APPROVED:  
KATIE ANDERSEN, Mayor