

JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 16, 2018
OFFICIAL MINUTES

Mayor Andersen called the special meeting of the City Council to order at 10:00 AM.

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

The purpose of the meeting was to allow the City Council an opportunity to take an official position on the NDDOT plans to temporarily close Exit 257 on I-94 and to install traffic signals at the I-94 and US281 South on-off ramps at Exit 258.

Mayor Andersen indicated her support for the addition of the traffic signals at Exit 258; the mill and overlay of the frontage road on the north side of I-94 and the temporary closure of Exit 257.

Council Member Gumke stated he prefers that Exit 257 remain open, but supports the traffic signals on the on-off ramps at Exit 258.

Council Member Brubakken indicated that he does not support the closure of Exit 257 until such time as a recommended overpass across I-94 is scheduled and funding is in place.

Jason Babcock, owner of Neighborhood Grocery on 17th Street SW, appeared to indicate his desire to see Exit 257 remain open.

Colin Wegenast, owner of Lifestyle Appliance on 17th Street SW, indicated that his business makes use of Exit 257 daily and does not wish to see any entrance to the city closed.

Council Member Gumke moved a Resolution to notify the NDDOT that the City Council supports the plan to add traffic signals at the I-94 and US281 South on-off ramps at Exit 258. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. Roll Call No. 1 showed: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Carried.

Council Member Gumke moved a Resolution to notify the NDDOT that the City Council does not support the closing of the on ramp at Exit 257. Seconded by Council Member Brubakken. Roll Call No. 2 showed: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Carried.

Council Member Gumke moved a Resolution to notify the NDDOT that the City Council does not support the temporary closing of the off ramp of Exit 257 until such time as a project to provide an overpass across I-94 is on the table. Seconded by Council Member Brubakken. Roll Call No. 3 showed: 3 ayes, 1 nay (Andersen), 1 absent. Carried.

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

ATTEST:

JEFF FUCHS, City Administrator

APPROVED:

KATIE ANDERSEN, Mayor