

**MINUTES OF THE
WATERTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Thursday, February 24 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the Watertown City Council was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on **Thursday, February 24, 2011** by Acting Mayor Rick Mann in the Watertown City Hall Council Chambers.

Upon roll call the following Council Members were present: Mann, Stephen Crowder, Nicholas Hoese and Michael Walters. Mayor K. J. McDonald was absent.

The following staff members were present: City Administrator Luke Fischer, City Engineer Dave Martini, Public Works Supt. Doug Kammerer, Fire Chief Wade Stock, Asst. Fire Chief Ned Schroeder.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

CROWDER MOVED, WALTERS SECONDED A MOTION ADOPT THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

3. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

A. Review Flood Plan

Luke Fischer presented information to the City Council about the City's preparation for forecasted flooding in the spring of 2011. The National Weather Service predicts that floods could reach record levels and will likely reach spring 2010 levels. Staff has outlined anticipated impact areas as it relates to both flood water and storm water. Council and staff reviewed an aerial map which detailed two foot contours of the flood plain.

Staff then presented an operations plan which outlined three response levels – Action, Phase I, and Phase II. The Action level replicates efforts similar to the 2010 event. Phase I outlines an impact that would be in line with much higher projections. Council member Hoese asked if the City would provide sand and sand bags for residents. There was general consensus among the Council that this resource should be available. Hoese then asked if the City would coordinate volunteers to assist sand bag efforts. Staff responded that coordination for single properties is not typical and that organized efforts would likely center on major public impacts, if necessary. The Council then agreed that organized efforts would not likely be necessary in the Action Stage, though they may be necessary in Phase I.

Staff also reviewed the Communications Plan outlined in the Action Plan. There was general consensus that the Communications Plan was acceptable.

MANN MOVED, CROWDER SECONDED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO MOVE TO ACTION PHASE AND BEGIN MAKING NECESSARY PREPARATIONS. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:06 PM.

ATTEST:

Steven Wallner
Clerk-Treasurer

Rick Mann
Acting Mayor