

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Dennis W. Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were: President Dennis W. Johnson, Carson Steiner, Shirley Dukart, and Joe Frenzel, Gene Jackson

Absent were: None

III. INDEPENDENT DISASTER DECLARATION

Administrator Shawn Kessel, President Dennis Johnson, Stark County Emergency Manager Brent Pringle, Justo (Tito) Hernandez, FCO of FEMA, Greg Wilz and Lonnie Hoffer of the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services met on a conference call in regards to an Independent Disaster Declaration. Administrator Kessel reported a pre-disaster assessment team came to Dickinson and performed an audit of damages and expenses from the storm/tornado on 7/8/09. Many public organizations in the community had storm/tornado expenses which are estimated to be around \$1,030,385.00. Kessel explains that Roughrider Electric and Consolidated Telephone Company do not qualify as public agencies as was first thought. These companies did apply for a 501c3 status but needed to be this status before the storm took place. In order to qualify for an Independent Disaster Declaration a million dollars worth of unreimbursed expenses needed to be met and without Roughrider Electric and Consolidated expenses the City does not reach this minimum threshold.

Kessel explains the City, however, does qualify for Category B funding status. Category B funds for emergency protective measures includes clearing of streets from debris, emergency operation center and little else. Kessel explains that we will be reimbursed 75% from Federal, 22% from the State and the remaining 3% is the City's responsibility. There were several volunteers throughout the process and we can get credit for these volunteer hours. The credit can be used to cover the 3% City responsibility. As-of-date FEMA has provided \$130,000 for assistance, \$63,000 of the \$130,000 was for housing. There have been 18 SBA approved loans for damaged properties which is just under a million dollars. Kessel explains that even if the City does apply for the Independent Disaster Declaration more than likely the application would be rejected as the State first has to approve the declaration and then it would be sent to the Federal government.

Commission Jackson reinstates for informational purposes that regardless of the City seeking the Category B reimbursement this will not affect reimbursement of individual or businesses.

President Johnson explains the \$133,500 expense to the landfill would have been if fees were collected from citizens using the landfill. Johnson explains these are real rough estimates but in terms of out-of-pocket the cost would be approximately \$100,000 and considering the event truly this is not a real bad loss to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Joe Frenzel

SECONDED BY: Shirley Dukart

For adjournment of the meeting at approximately 5:27 PM.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 1.

Motion declared duly passed.

OFFICIAL MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Rita Binstock, Assistant to City Administrator

APPROVED BY:

Shawn Kessel, City Administrator

Dennis W. Johnson, President
Board of City Commissioners

Date: _____