

Mayor Beyer called the special council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall, 6031 Main Street, Rockford, MN.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the potential of spring flooding and hear from Steve Berg the Wright County Emergency Management Coordinator.

#### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Beyer, Graner, Hafften, Martinson and Wenz. Also in attendance were: Administrator Carswell and Public Works Supervisor D. Peterson.

#### **Discuss Potential of Spring Flooding/Wright County Emergency Management Coordinator/Army Corps of Engineers**

Steve Berg from Wright County Emergency Management Coordinator was present to discuss with the city council and staff the potential for spring flooding. Steve Berg stated that the state has received 73" of snow this season which is 20" above the normal snow fall. The flood prediction for the Crow River is 14' which is considered Major Flooding.

Wright County sent out a survey to all city public works directors to get information on what equipment we have available, and what other flood control measures we have taken so they know what type of assistance the cities may need.

The mayor asked staff for a plan that would outline to the city council, staff, residents, businesses and property owners what they need to know to prepare for a flood. There was some discussion about the sand bags that the city has purchased, which Dennis Peterson said will be needed to protect the infrastructure. Property owners will have to purchase their own sand bags. The discussion included the city getting sand delivered and having two drop off sites for the public to use.

It was discussed that Delano requested volunteers 4-5 days prior to the last flooding and that they had to turn some away because they get so many.

Dennis noted that the Rockford Township public works staff has volunteered to assist the city and bring their trucks if needed.

Joe Mose from the Army Corps of Engineers was present and noted that they have a lot of information on their website that residents may use on how to prepare for a flood. A brochure on how to sand bag is also on the website with a video showing how to fill sandbags.

There was further discussion about ice dams and how fast they can make the water rise. It was noted that the staff should be very watchful on these curves and bends in the river where these ice dams start.

The city council scheduled a special council meeting for March 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at city hall to review and discuss a tentative plan for flooding.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Nancy Carswell