

Council President Mike Klaus called the emergency special council meeting of June 26, 2012 to order at 1:02 p.m. Present for the meeting were Council President Mike Klaus, Council Members Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Police Chief Steve Benkula, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Water/Sewer Department Supervisor Jim Fritzsche. Also present were Tina Wilson, Cori Flowers, and Dave Kramer. Mayor Anderson and Councilman Rick Alonzo were gone on personal business.

The purpose of special meeting was to declare an emergency due to the high water in the Kootenai River. Due to the Mayor's absence council approval is being sought for the declaration.

Connie Wells moved to declare an emergency due to the high river level and give Council President Mike Klaus the authority to sign resolution 2012-03. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Resolution 2012-03 reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2012-03
DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION
Kootenai River Flooding**

WHEREAS, the Kootenai River near Bonners Ferry, Boundary County, Idaho is at eminent threat of flood stage due to the high river level and the possibility of higher water caused by the filling of Kootenai Lake and high runoff from the Moyie River and the Yaak River downstream of the Libby Dam, and heavy rains, and

WHEREAS, there is undercutting and damage to the levees protecting the area surrounding Bonners Ferry, and

WHEREAS, the city storm drains are backing up and the city is unable to remove storm water from the downtown area without additional pumping resources, and

WHEREAS, the north side levee which protects a residential area in Bonners Ferry; the Bonners Ferry sewage treatment plant that services the City of Bonners Ferry is in imminent danger from high flood waters, and is unable to operate without additional pumping resources, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonners Ferry has exceeded its ability and resources to provide adequate flood fighting efforts and levee repair, and

WHEREAS, the request is being made for the Army Corps of Engineers to aid the City of Bonners Ferry in flood fighting,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Bonners Ferry, that the disaster emergency be declared pursuant to Idaho Code 46-1011 within the City of Bonners Ferry, Boundary County, Idaho, to protect the citizens from existing imminent danger.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2012.

CITY OF BONNERS FERRY

/s/ Mike Klaus, Council President

Attest: /s/ Kris Larson, Clerk/Treasurer

David Sims joined the meeting.

Stephen reported to the group that full pool at the Libby Dam is predicted for Thursday or Friday this week. The flood level is 1764 feet and we are currently approaching 1766 feet.

Mike Klaus said the city needs ways to pump storm water because in 2006 we had to pump and there was not rain water like we are having now.

David Sims said damage will be seen that we have not seen before because the river will get higher and this will not be known until the water recedes.

Tina Wilson asked that the latest information be directed through the public information officer. Tina's cell number is 208-290-4374. Information that the city chooses to send out will go through Tina as an information officer and will get sent through the proper channels. Dave

Kramer is our Incident Commander and he said Tina has contact with the northern five counties through the public information network.

Tom Mayo moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus, Council President

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk