

**SUMMERSET CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
STAGEBARN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
12500 STURGIS ROAD  
WEDNESDAY, September 22nd, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Torno called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Hirsch, Kitzmiller, and Butler were present. Commissioner Thurman was absent. Also, present was the City Administrator.

Mayor Torno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL FOR CHANGES:**

**Motion** by Butler, second by Hirsch, to approve the agenda for the Special Meeting of the Summerset City Commission for September 22nd, 2021. Motion carried.

**STAGEBARN ALUVIAL FAN:**

**Motion** by Kitzmiller, second by Butler, to open discussion on the Stagebarn Alluvial Fan. Motion carried.

Mayor Torno gave an overview on the meeting with FEMA and maps were handed out to the public.

The meeting that took place with FEMA on September 14<sup>th</sup> was thought to be discussing the upcoming alluvial fan study that would be starting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This study is the first done in the State of South Dakota for an alluvial fan. The study will show how the water is coming through the alluvial fan and spreading within the development of Sun Valley Estates. The Mayor, City Administrator and Flood Plain Administrator were informed that there have been changes in the land/development and where the runoff from Stagebarn Canyon exists.

Mayor Torno gave a brief history on a hydrology study that had been done in Sun Valley due to past flooded homes and discussed the flood risk assessment done in 2018 by the US Army Corp of Engineers which was referred to as the SD Silver Jackets, BH Flood Risk Demonstration Project. From that study maps were created showing the 100 and 500 year flood risks. Officials were informed that FEMA will be creating new maps of the ground water and flood risk assessment which will be completed around the March 2022 timeframe.

What this could potentially mean for homeowners in the area is that some homes may be classified into the 100 year or 500-year flood plain. Some homes may or may not be required to have flood insurance. After the study comes out there are potential resources to assist in revision to the map. Future development may require a flood plain permit, if deemed within a flood plain, following the protocols and procedures guided by FEMA.

In conclusion, all information received by the City of Summerset will be public/transparent to its citizens as the City receives it. City Officials will be collaborating with Piedmont Officials to have a series of community meetings regarding resources and the results of said survey. Community meetings will be set up with FEMA and any other governmental agencies that will have resources available. Contact will be made with the SD Department of Transportation and Meade County regarding a second exit out of Sun Valley. An updated evacuation plan is on file with the Summerset Police Department.

Mayor Torno then opened the floor for the public to give input.

Jenn Kinney stated that the history talks about 2018 but she wanted to make sure that the flooding from 2014 was also noted with FEMA. Kinney went onto state that this had been a nightmare for herself and her neighbors who have lived there and she has spent a lot of time and money having to pump ground water out of her home.

John Viessman expressed his concern regarding the development on Telluride and whether they are going to be required to get flood insurance. Mayor Torno explained they would not know until the study came out.

Cheryl Bachman asked when the results of the study would be done and if it will go out to all the residents. Mayor Torno stated that the study would be completed around March of 2022, and it would be made public.

Darren Walker asked what the process was and why FEMA is versus the Army Corp of Engineers and versus the County? Where is the City in all of this and what are the expectations? What is the City trying to achieve? Mayor Torno informed Mr. Walker that the City is supplying all the information that they currently have. From the City's understanding FEMA used the mapping of the Army Corp of Engineers and has decided to do their own study and mapping of the alluvial fan. The City does not know the exact dates that they will be in the area or how they are doing the mapping. Public meetings will be had in collaboration with the City of Piedmont and governmental agencies. Walker expressed concern about future developing. It was stated to Mr. Walker that the City will be looking at that and there is a process of going through Planning and Zoning along with HDR Engineering looking at the same. It would then have to be recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board to move forward and final approval would be by the Board of Commissioners.

Gary Rehmer stated that there has been a lot of discussion of what has happened in the past with Army Corp of Engineers and FEMA but wants to know what the plan is going forward. Is it to mitigate it the next year or two years or three years from now and whether there is anything be developed by these groups to stop this from happening again? Is there plans to drill wells or divert the channel? Mayor Torno stated all information will come when we get the results of the study in the Spring of 2022.

**CITIZEN INPUT:**

No additional comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** for adjournment at 6:46 p.m. by Kitzmiller, second by Hirsch. Motion carried.

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ATTEST:

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Candace Sealey  
Finance Officer

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Melanie Torno  
Mayor

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