

City of Forada

Emergency Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2022

Call to order: Mayor, David Reller, called to order the Emergency Meeting of the City of Forada at 7:00 pm at Forada Fire Hall.

Roll call: Mayor David Reller, Clerk Jo Kluver, Council members Mitch Critz, Scott Erickson, and Bob Verkinderen. Sitting at dais was Julie Anderson, Douglas County Emergency Manager.

Mayor David Reller read into the record the following remarks:

1. Immediately following the disaster, our task as a council was to work alongside fire and rescue to ensure the safety and health of our residents.
2. The first order of business was to set up a command post to work with our local and eight other volunteer fire departments, county law enforcement, and county personnel instrumental in liaising between various agencies that could assist us.
3. With the help of the Red Cross and our Douglas County Disaster Coordinator, Julie Anderson, it was determined that no one was seriously injured.
4. After further canvassing of Forada, it was determined that we had substantial loss of homes and private property/private assets, and substantial loss of trees and vegetation.
5. With the help of Dave Rush/Mark McCabe from Douglas County and County Commissioners Charlie Meyer and Tim Kalina we were able to establish a nearby site for hauling tree debris.
6. A week has passed, most of our residents have been able to start the process of clean-up (personal property, trees, and tornado debris).
7. One of the major questions before the council is what do we do about the tornado debris?
 - a. Who pays?
 - b. Who hauls?
 - c. Where can it be staged?
 - d. Where does it go?
 - e. Residents responsible for own tornado debris and should be covered by personal insurance. If insurance company is giving bad advice, resident should reach out to the Department of Commerce for State of MN.

Meeting Items:

- 1) Mayor Reller asked Clerk Jo Kluver to read into the record, **Resolution 06-22** declaring the City of Forada in a state of emergency.
Mayor called for a motion: Mitch Critz made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Bob Verkinderen.
Mayor called for vote, All in Favor. Motion passed.
- 2) Julie Anderson was given time to discuss Douglas County response to Forada's disaster needs met thus far. Individual FEMA and State aid is not available. This is considered a State disaster which allowed property taxes to be lowered by those impacted. If State declares Douglas County a disaster, the city can recuperate some expenses – such as 75% of the cost to haul away tree brush piles and logs.
- 3) Next order of council business was to discuss the immediate need to address tornado rubbish and tree debris.
- 4) The council agreed through **Resolution 07-22** to allocate funds to pick up tree debris from the Rite of Way inside Forada Beach Rd SE, Kluver Addition Road SE, Toby's Ave, and a few other areas with downed trees in town.
- 5) Jo Kluver gave a brief summary how the city budget works and the reduced assessment on property taxes of the damaged properties, this will also reduce the city budget. The exact amount is uncertain at this time. Is working with ALASD on who no longer will receive a sewer charge due to tornado damage. If a resident still has power and water, the bill will remain at \$78.50. If residence is no longer livable and there is no water or electricity, the bill will be adjusted to the city fee of \$42.25 which covers the sewer bond.

- 6) Commissioners are meeting on Wednesday to approve Maple Lake debris cleanup.
- 7) Saturday, June 11th is the previously scheduled Community Cleanup Day provided by Pope/Douglas Waste. Flyers were available for information on items to bring for disposal and cost/item.
- 8) Wednesday, June 8 at City Hall from 2-7 pm will be resources to assist residents – a one stop shop.
 - a. Red Cross, Horizon Public Health, West Central Communities Action, Social Services, etc.

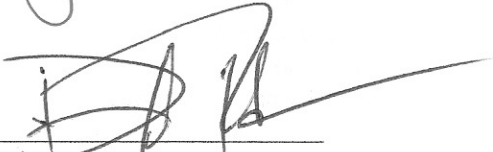
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jo at 8:32 pm, second by Mitch. All in Favor.

Mayor David Reller adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by:



City Clerk/Treasurer



Mayor