

WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
JUNE 6, 2011

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in a Work Session on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 5:15 PM in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building to discuss "Emergency Management for Elected Officials." The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ambrose Buckman.

Roll Call of Members: Present: Mayor Buckman, Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor, and Council Members Fousek, Nelson and Schutte.

Absent: None

Present Representing the City: David Haugland, City Manager
Steve Marriott, Director of Administrative Services
Kent Cantrell, Fire Chief
John McGovern, Police Chief
Chad Birdsong, Director of Public Works
Larry Murry, Building Official

DISCUSSION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS PROCEDURES: (Tape A1-762)

Fire Chief Kent Cantrell passed out printed information to members of the Council and gave a presentation regarding this material.

Kent stated that when disaster strikes a community, the elected officials immediately become the focal point for decision-making leadership. Their success rests upon the effectiveness of the community's emergency management system. Kent stated that the City Manager is ultimately responsible for emergency management activities.

The chief elected official priorities are:

Establishment of a department of Emergency Management including the appointment of an Emergency Management Director.

Take necessary action to make, amend and rescind such orders, rules and regulations for emergency management.

Take necessary action to appropriate, expend funds, make contracts and distribute equipment necessary for emergency management.

Take additional measures, disaster studies and recommendations for emergency management.

Councilman Fousek stated that the biggest risk in Excelsior Springs is when a heavy rain occurs, heavy boulders roll down from the hills into the downtown area.

Chief Cantrell gave the Council an example of Resources to use during an emergency and a list of natural disaster types, including technological disasters.

Chief Cantrell advised the Council that it is their duty to get prepared, that this is a continuation of the role of city government. He stated, "Failure to plan is planning to fail".

Chief Cantrell informed everyone that they need a weather radio, 3 days supply of water, extra batteries, and cell phones.

Councilwoman Schutte suggested that Fire Chief Cantrell take this presentation to several organizations throughout the City and that members of the City Council should learn to give this presentation.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Buckman adjourned the Work Session at 5:44 PM.

ATTEST:

AMBROSE BUCKMAN, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK

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