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Minutes of the special meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held Jan. 6, 1970
Present Councilmen: Reed, Ragan, Anderson, Scott, Capurro
Mayor Capurro, presiding

Mayor called this meeting to discuss diaster plans:

Hans Schneider, 35 Brookside stated he has been flooded three times, this time was the worst, feels only reason he gets flooded is due to drain pipes are not adequate to take care of the water.

Following also spoke on damage to their property: Joseph Orlando, Mrs. Mullens both of Morningside Court area.

Mozart Kaufman stated he don't feel city is really responsible for what happened, blame it on every merchant up and down the street, have talked about flooding, but never did anything.

Richard Kientz presented chart of all businesses on San Anselmo Avenue showing damage area, and presented the following list of recommendations.

1. The City to clean creek bottom and sides of trash, trees and other debris, yearly. Could the Army Engineer's help.
2. Set up an emergency telephone list for all San Anselmo merchants. When compiling this list, work in priority areas such as the area affected by the 20 Dec. flood, start at the 700 block and work down to the 600 etc. This list can then be used for fire, flood and other emergency situations.
3. Set up a telephone warning system for Dept. heads so that coordination between department heads can start before the emergency situation worsens. Establish a high water panic mark...suggested location, between Ongaro Bldg and Preschmans Auto Repair.
4. Have one of the city services be able to barricade off the street in emergency areas at any time of the day or night and in any weather.
5. Establish a central downtown location for the acquisition of sand and sand bags, when the yearly threat arises.
6. Suggest the department of public works install a clapper valve at the San Anselmo Ave. and Tamalpais Ave drain to prevent the creek water from backing up into the street.
7. Establish an emergency coordination and warning system with the County Ddpt. of Public Works and establish an advanced warning system for flood with the U.S. Weather Bureau.
8. Assist the Fire Chief in purchasing additional water vacumns for use in such emergencies.

Following also spoke on flood conditions: A.R. Wetzal, Art Smith, Fred Peters, Augie Kientz, Keith McNal, Chas. Best, Wm. Smith, John West.

City Engineer read his memo dated Jan. 6, 1970 on procedure which has been following in the past for emergencies, and same procedure will continue. Stated from November through April one street department man is on call standby evenings and weekends.

Councilman Ragan stated city is going to have to have an emergency diaster plan. Councilman Anderson said city council should refer report by Dick Kientz to the City Administrator and committee. Will have to have a storm drain plan to get Federal money.

Councilman Scott said city council wants to express their willingness to help on these problems. He wants to assure fellow councilmen he will be glad to work on any suggestions.

Councilman Reed suggested the following: Install emergency decide in downtown. Develop a rapid warning procedure in downtown and residential areas. Improve fall cleaning procedure. Install property storm drains and develop a flood control system. Also he strongly suggests a meeting with High School Board re: flooding of apartments on Sir Francis Drake. Mayor Capurro should have a real clean up of creek-Ongaro Bldg. biggest stumbling block in creek. Sleepy Hollow should do maintenance on their creeks, rains heavy in January. Suggests 5 blasts as an emergency and would like to see all department heads and city council come right to City Hall. Mayor also stated Fire, Police & Public Works Depts did a tremendous job and suggests put on agenda for next meeting report by Dick Kientz. M/S Councilman Reed-Ragan to transfer \$1000 from Gen'l Reserve to Storm Drain fund. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 p.m. until January 13th.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk