

CITY OF CARNATION

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kimberly Lisk called the special meeting of the Carnation City Council to order at 7:00 PM with all attendees participating by videoconference.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Kimberly Lisk, Deputy Mayor Jim Ribail, Councilmember Tim Harris, Councilmember Dustin Green, Councilmember Adair Hawkins, Interim City Manager Bob Jean, City Clerk Mary Madole and citizens in attendance.

COMMUNITY MEETING: FALSE ALARM OF TOLT DAM WARNING SYSTEM. Mayor Lisk welcomed the many citizens that joined the online meeting with representatives from Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) about the July 28th false alarm of the Tolt Dam Failure Warning System and evacuation by the community. SPU representatives Alex Chen, Mike Brennan, and Sheila Strehle spoke about the malfunction of a control panel which sounded the sirens without warning, followed by rejection of manual shutdown commands by the control panel causing the sirens to sound for 38 minutes before they were able to be shut off by alternate protocols. SPU has replaced the control panel that malfunctioned and is accelerating an already planned replacement of the dam safety warning system. They are conducting an “after-action” analysis and identifying areas for improvement including emergency communications working with agency partners.

Following the presentation many community members spoke about their experiences during the false alarm and asked questions about the dam and warning system; the inundation area, estimated depths, and arrival times in the event of actual dam failure; and emergency preparedness.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further questions or comments from the audience the special meeting adjourned by common consent at 9:10 PM.

Approved at the regular meeting of the Carnation City Council on August 18, 2020.

MAYOR, KIMBERLY LISK

CITY CLERK, MARY MADOLE