

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Cedar Falls Duke Young Conference Room
February 4, 2019

The City Council held a special work session in the Duke Young Conference room at 4:52 p.m. on February 4, 2019, with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Jim Brown, Tom Blanford, Susan deBuhr, Rob Green, Daryl Kruse (via telephone), Mark Miller, and David Wieland. Staff members attended from all City Departments. Tom Nelson with the *Waterloo Courier* attended.

Mayor Brown then introduced the only item on the agenda, FEMA's Preliminary Update to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). Matt Tolan Civil Engineer II stated the City is currently reviewing the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. He stated this process was last completed in 2010. He explained the preliminary maps were released and the City has a 30-day non-technical period to submit comments after which there will be a 90-day appeal period (April – June). Mr. Tolan stated adoption of the new maps will take place sometime early in 2020. He stated city staff is submitting information to DNR and FEMA to make sure the maps are accurate. He stated the maps have been updated by City staff with regards to GIS mapping. Mr. Tolan reviewed various areas of the city, stating the modeling was based on 1976 maps. He explained they have contracted with Snyder and Associates to create current modeling of these areas since the City's has made considerable improvements. He stated this will include the Downtown Levee improvements, Greenhill Road extension, Dry Run Creek improvements, and University of Northern Iowa detention pond updates. David Sturch Planner III explained the Summary of Map Actions (SOMA). The SOMA revalidates and rejects previous Letter of Map Changes (LOMC) based on the new FIRM study. Mr. Tolan explained community updates will be made through City website, *Waterloo Courier*, *Currents* articles and Channel 15. He explained staff can help answer questions but their insurance agent and FEMA should be their main point of contact for questions. A brief discussion was held.

There being no further discussion, Frank Darrah motioned to adjourn the work session, David Wieland seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Minutes by Lisa Roeding, Controller/City Treasurer