

## Meeting Sought By Council On State Flood Control Funds

Mount Vernon City Engineer Denny LeGro was asked by city council members last night to attempt to arrange a meeting with Gregory Hastings of the Washington State Department of Conservation and Development to discuss the possible availability of

state flood control funds to assist in the financing of the proposed dam on Maddox Creek.

The council indicated that Skagit County commissioners and Drainage District No. 17 commissioners will also be invited to attend the meeting.

**THE DAM** is part of a city-advanced plan for the draining of storm water from the proposed south hill area storm sewer local improvement district — and from the area south and east of the city limits—into Maddox.

The city, however, faces a knotty problem in "scratching up" the financing for the project.

Mayor A. M. Novotny and LeGro reported to the council last night on their meeting Monday with county commissioners, and indicated there is little hope of county financial participation "although the commissioners did indicate they are sympathetic with our problem."

LeGro explained that the county board has consistently maintained that "the county should not be involved in the drainage business."

Also mentioned last night was the possible alternative of carrying the storm water by ditch and Flower Creek into the Drainage District 23 system, a district for which the county commissioners serve as the governing board. It was noted, however, that such a project would require the installation of a larger drain pipe than that now in use in District 23, and that the project would prove costly.

**MOST COUNCILMEN** indicated they still feel that the best chance for solution of their problem lies in the plan to drain into Maddox Creek with a dam on that stream to control the water flow.

The south hill area storm sewer LID has been held up pending solution to the problem of final disposal of the water it would collect.

Also delayed by the same obstacle is an extensive 13-block street paving LID in the vicinity of the new Skagit Valley Hospital.