

Minutes
Water Resource Management Utility Meeting
(Formerly Stormwater Utility)
May 13, 2008

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Water Resource Management Utility (formerly Stormwater Committee) at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Present: Alderman Ken Harenda, Alderman John Hopkins, Alderman Bill Moore, Mayor Jack Chiovaturo and Commissioner Jim Kern

Others Present: Nicole Hewitt (Division Engineer), Cathy Schwalbach (Stormwater Engineer), JP Walker (City Engineer), Chuck Trevorow (Stormwater Supervisor), & Sue Hanley (Administrative Supervisor Utilities & Streets)

Meeting called to order at 4:56 pm by Alderman Harenda. Roll call and declared a quorum with all members present.

Old Business

SW 01-08 Minutes from April 8th Meeting

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the minutes from the April 8th Water Resource Management Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Moore and upon voting the motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Kern voting present.

SW 07-06 Resident Request for Corrective Action Regarding Drainage Concerns

Remains tabled

SW 03-08 Sump Pump Requirements

Motion by Commissioner Kern to remove this item from the table. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Harenda: We discussed this at the last meeting and it is also being discussed at Utility. I would like to drop this until we need to bring it up in the future.

Motion by Mayor Chiovaturo to drop this item from the agenda. Seconded by Alderman Moore and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

SW 08-08 Drainage Construction List Update

Cathy Schwalbach explained the new ranking system on the Drainage Construction List that will help ensure that priority A1 projects are handled first.

Priority A1 are where properties are being negatively impacted by stormwater coming from street drainage. This can include yard flooding or property damaged. There are 4 of these on the list that are scheduled to be completed in 2008. The goal is to complete them within one year of being called in.

Priority A2 are requests of systems that need repair, are breaking down or there is some obstruction in the ditch line which can be improved, but is not currently causing flooding or property damage. This priority level also includes street flooding. There are several on the current list that have waited up to 4 years and we are hopeful that we can accomplish enough this year to bring the wait down to 3 years maximum for next year's schedule.

Priority B are requests where systems are functioning and not breaking down or in need of repair, is not obstructed, and is not causing any flooding or damage, but some improvement can be made, such as water standing in the ditch. One on the list is 6 years old, others 4 years or less.

Alderman Harenda: You will be doing A1's and then A2's before you start any priority B's correct?

Schwalbach: We will work on who is the oldest, but we realize that this length of time the wait is, that we need to put a priority on those that are experiencing some real problems that we need to get to more quickly, so by using A1, that helps to bump those people up to accomplish that. Then we will work on the A2 list and who is the oldest and work our way down.

Alderman Hopkins: Can you take a guess at how far through the A2 list you hope to get this year?

Schwalbach: I would rather not. There is a great variation based on weather and other projects cropping up that we have to pull away crews from the drainage list work.

Trevorrow: It is impossible. Just in the last 2 weeks we had to install a culvert on Schwartz Road because through the woods the water was actually flooding over the road causing damage to the road. Also we had a failed culvert on Lincoln that had to be replaced. If there are summer storms with trees down, crews will be forced to be pulled off to pick up brush.

Alderman Harenda: These are priorities based on what Chuck, Nicole and Cathy see at the property and what needs to be done prior to crews going out there.

Commissioner Kern: You would always do A1's first, then A2's then we do the B's. The B's could wait a very long time if each and every year you add some A1's and A2's.

Schwalbach: That's true, that is why it is hard to say how that group will end up after this year and next year. We need to keep an eye on those if they can ever get done.

Trevorrow: Over time homeowners don't sweep up their grass clippings, leave debris gets caught in their culverts and people call in when water backs up into their culverts and driveways. If the homeowner would take a shovel or rake to keep the ditches clear that would help. If water is just standing there that is not an emergency, if the property gets flooded, if the sump pump wasn't able to flow that goes up higher on the priority list. That's how we look at it. Ditches are made to convey water and sometimes standing water will be there.

SW 09-08 Comprehensive Plan Update

This item has been deferred until the next meeting when Greg Kessler can be present. Nicole Hewitt handed out a Stormwater Management Master Plan Update Draft Schedule for the Committee to review.

SW 10-08 Update on Underground Storage at Eisenhower High School

Hewitt: Last August we allowed the school district an extension until May 1st for a decision on what they were going to do on their property. I sent a letter out making them aware of the deadline and have since met with them. They want to move forward and are in the midst of putting together their Master Plan and assessing their needs are looking to possibly add to the storage facility to meet their stormwater requirements and what the sizing would be. I gave them an extension until the June meeting to let us know their intentions. It does sound like they are going to let us construct it on the site; it is just a matter of getting the design coordinated.

Mayor Chiovatero: I talked to Dr. Kreutzer and he indicated he appreciated us holding off until they know what they will be doing within the grounds. I talked to Bob Pulliam today who indicated there was an engineer on site to look at future needs of the future. I did say that if there is any additional sizing that is

required, it may come under their cost and he understood that, but didn't know if he would have the funding for that. I think a majority of the costs we know and if it is just a matter of resizing it we should be able to split out the costs in a reasonable manner.

Hewitt: We do have an idea of what the cost was since it was bid out last year.

Chiovatero: I did say that we need to get moving on this and have it bid out and the window is very short. He said he understood this and will push it forward.

Harenda: Nicole, you said you sent them a letter on April 7th, can you have them respond back in writing that they are interested in that. For us to go forth with any bidding, going back to this option again, I want to make sure that we have the easement in place.

Hewitt: As soon as I get a copy of the latest greatest one, I will get it to Dr. Kreutzer to review it.

Alderman Harenda: That was the stumbling block, the easement and the attachments, if that is still there, we won't be able to accommodate on these issues.

Mayor Chiovatero: The City Attorney will have the latest easement. I told Dr. Kreutzer we are OK with the agreement. There is an issue involving indemnity and he said we are willing to waive that to get things done right. He assured me that would not be a stumbling block at this time.

Moore: This was bid out a year ago and the school district was the entity that delayed this, what if the new bids are significantly higher?

Alderman Harenda: That would have a significant impact on the project itself. We do have a fall back position with the other contingency plan with regard to meeting the Chapter 13 requirements. I don't want to bid the project out without having the other things in place yet. We bid it out and it comes within budget or even under budget then it would be an option to go forth. If it doesn't then we have a secondary alternative or the school district would have to possible pitch in I guess. I don't know if the economy will help or hurt us.

Motion to adjourn at 5:14 p.m. by Commissioner Kern. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Hanley, Administrative Supervisor Utilities & Streets