

Minutes
Hazard Mitigation/River Use Commission
Waverly Civic Center
7:00 pm, February 15, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Triplitt - present

Parry - present

Engel - present

Reinhardt - absent

Schloemer - present

Neuendorf - present

Staff:

CE Cherry - present

CA Crayne - absent

Liaison:

CC Lieb - present

Mayor Brunkhorst - present

Guests:

Kip Ladage

Duane Liddle

APPROVE AGENDA: motioned - Neuendorf, seconded - Engel

Passed 4-0, Reinhardt - absent, Triplitt - late

APPROVE MINUTES: motioned - Engel, seconded - Neuendorf

Passed 5-0, Reinhardt - absent

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Brunkhorst updated the Commissioners on the rain barrels info. With a subsidy of approximately \$8,000 from the LSB gift, the cost to the public would be \$45 per barrel. Estimates that a community the size of Waverly should expect to see a first-time sale from 500 - 800 units.

The date of May 14th was discussed as a possible sale date. (Same date as Garden Club sale).

Parry: asked if the rain barrels could be sold at the yard waste site.

CE Cherry: responded yes, and asked if the City should consider purchasing any leftover barrels, up to a certain amount.

Schloemer: suggested promoting the rain barrel sale at the upcoming Flood Awareness events.

Engel: asked if the leftover barrels could be stored at yard waste site.

CE Cherry: agreed they could.

Commissioners discussed the appearance of the barrels, then agreed that they were for run-off control, not just looks.

Mayor Brunkhorst: to check with LSB to see if they would want to put stickers on the barrels.

Engel: moved to set the sale date at May 14th, 2011. Seconded - Neuendorf.
Passed 5-0, Reinhardt - absent.

David Weidenfeller of Norseman Environmental Products will help promote and coordinate the delivery of approximately 800 rain barrels.

City of Waverly will purchase the excess barrels.
Commissioners will need to get volunteers to help with the sale.

FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

March 15th meeting to be an Open House for the public at Civic Center - Mayor Brunkhorst to provide pie and ice cream.

CC Lieb: suggested that a handout be available so the public can see all that has been done since the flood of 2008.

Commissioners all agreed.

CE Cherry: updates will be in the March Public Works newsletter.

Parry: agreed that would be a good idea.

CE Cherry: updated the Commission on the dry run. City has been officially denied the grant money to help in the improvement of the Dry Run. Updates to the public will be in the March Public Works newsletter.

Parry: asked about the main lift station protection.

CE Cherry: said it is completed.

Schloemer: told Commission briefly about the SE Waverly Neighborhood Plan to prepare for a flood event to go along with the City's plan.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE

CE Cherry: asked if the Commission should look at the Waverly code for developments in the flood plain.

Triplitt: all changes would have to go thru P&Z (Planning and Zoning Commission)

Schloemer: concerned about getting too strict and hampering future developments.

Engel: asked if Commission should make recommendations to P&Z.

Parry: asked if the State Code of Iowa was changing requirements in flood zones.

Mayor Brunkhorst: asked CE Cherry to present current requirements to Commission at the April 19th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CC Lieb: expressed concerns about flash flooding in the Dry Run Creek.

Mayor Brunkhorst: City will have to look into the Dry Run in the future, and with the help of this Commission and public input decide which direction to go.

Parry: asked if the City started a fund for the Dry Run, would there be federal monies available to help.

Duane Liddle: suggested info on the Dry Run and flood mitigation plans and improvements be in the Public Works newsletter.

CE Cherry: thought the City was about a year away as far as funding ideas for the Dry Run.

There was a lot of discussion on the Dry Run improvements. 1. Buyout and tear down houses along the Dry Run. 2. Is the Dry Run more important than SE Waverly?

CC Lieb: City Council will have to look at all ideas.

Triplitt: asked about funding for the Cedar River Parkway improvement.

CE Cherry: responded that there was Federal money available for the Parkway improvements.

TABLED ITEMS

None

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

CE Cherry: informed the Commission that the East side of the new dam would not be done before the spring thaw, but was not concerned that by not being done would have any adverse effects concerning flooding this spring. The dam being partially gone may help remove some sand and silt as the spring increase in flow will not be restricted.

SE Waverly update will be February 22, 2011 at the Civic Center, 4:30-6:30, with a formal presentation at 5:30pm.

Flood sign/high water mark has been installed on East side of the Fire Station.

SUBCOMMITTEES & MEMBERS

RIVER USE - Reinhardt

PLANNING & ZONING - Neuendorf

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Triplitt

Kip Ladage attended last Soil & Water district meeting in Waterloo along with Dr. Stephen Main. Both expressed concerns about Waverly getting more active with either the upper or lower Cedar River Watershed.

Ladage: suggested someone from the Commission attend future meetings.

CC Lieb: asked about setting up a board or panel to attend future meetings.

Mayor Brunkhorst: called Senator Hogge to inform the watershed group that Waverly was indeed interested in joining.

SE WAVERLY

Reminder: 2-22-11 Open House

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Engel: reviewed and will set up time to meet with CE Cherry.

Triplitt, Engel & Parry: will meet with City officials to review.

Kip Ladage: offered count template if needed.

Mayor Brunkhorst: has spoken with CA Crayne to set up test run of flood plan.

Ladage & Engel: to help set up.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Discussed possible new Commission members - Mayor to follow up.

Asked Dr. Main to attend watershed meetings and keep Commission informed, also will rely on Dr. Main's input as to which watershed group he would recommend Waverly joining.

Schloemer: moved that the regular meeting on March 15th be replaced by the Open House planned for Flood Awareness Week. Seconded – Neuendorf.

Passed 5-0, Reinhardt – absent.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 pm. Moved - Neuendorf, seconded – Parry.

Passed 5-0, Reinhardt - absent.
