



Storm Water Advisory Committee

January 12, 2021

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Introductions by all attending members
 - a. Who you are?
 - b. Why part of the committee?
 - c. Anything that you may be hoping to gain or contribute

Business

3. Stormwater – review the city’s website, <https://hiawatha-iowa.com/departments/public-works/storm-water/>, for additional information
 - a. MS4 Permit – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. Required of 44 municipalities and universities to minimize stormwater runoff. Determined by the Iowa DNR and primarily dependent on population or proximity to a metro area. Permitted MS4’s are required to have a construction site runoff erosion control ordinance and post construction stormwater ordinance in place
 - b. 6 minimum requirements
 - i. Public outreach on stormwater impacts
 - ii. Public involvement and participation. Past year has been tough. Website has a lot of information and brochures
 - iii. Illicit discharge and elimination program and ordinance
 - iv. Construction site regulation and sediment and erosion control ordinance
 - v. Post-construction on stormwater management and ordinance
 - vi. Good housekeeping practices
 - c. Quarterly inspections of basins in the community
 - d. Annual report sent to the IDNR for review and acceptance. We invite the DNR to come each year to review our practices and numerous sites for input.
4. Derecho Cleanup in waterways
5. Storm Sewer Easement Policy
 - a. Pat discussed why an easement policy is being considered.
 - b. Concerns – Older neighborhood drainage easements being blocked by sheds, fences, other; homeowners filling in drainage ways; Northwoods area does not have an easement thus not allowing the city to go in to clean up
 - c. Hard to get consistency in policies between the different metro communities.



Issue	Hiawatha	Marion	Cedar Rapids
Sheds in drainage easements	Allowed if on runners Not allowed if on cement slab	allowed in drainage easement: hold harmless agreement required	Not allowed in drainage easement
Fences in drainage easements	Allowed; however, placement must allow drainage flow.	Allowed in drainage easement: hold harmless agreement required	Allowed with restriction to allow drainage flow.
Drainage easement maintenance enforcement	Ordinance authority to enforce: Except: if the drainage is not operable due to time and infill	Does not enforce: it is deemed a private issue	Ordinance authority to enforce but not enough resources to be totally affective
Drainage basins	Recertifications enforced by ordinance	Takes over all basins and maintains	
Development enforcement for plats	SUDAS: the development SWPPP is inspected but no elevations are taken or checked.	SUDAS: the development SWPPP is inspected but no elevations are taken or checked.	SUDAS: the development SWPPP is inspected: elevations are taken and reported by the contractor.
Derecho cleanup	?????????????	City will do a one-time clean up of the drainage easements	City has assistance available but the responsibility is private
Drainage ways (not designated as easements) maintenance			
Dedicated Staff	Added duties to existing staff in Engineering and CD	One dedicated position	Dedicated department of 3+

6. Future Storm Sewer Rates discussion

- a. List of future projects
- b. Current rates
- c. Newton Article - <https://www.newtondailynews.com/2020/09/08/stormwater-utility-added-to-newton-water-bills-in-2021/amiek12/>
- d. Marion and Cedar Rapids
- e. Hiawatha will provide options for the committee’s consideration at our April meeting.