

CITY OF EVANSDALE STORM WATER COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 25, 2014 10:00 A.M.
EVANSDALE CITY HALL

The Storm Water Commission met on September 25, 2014 at the Evansdale City Hall at 10:10 a.m. Commission Chair Rick Reuter called the meeting to order. Members present: Kenny Loftus, Richard Clements, and Rick Reuter. Members absent: Loraine Atkins. Quorum present.

Commission Chair Rick Reuter reported that eleven new homes constructions have occurred in Evansdale this year. Reuter added that he encourages contractors to lay down gravel at the entrances of construction sites to help reduce the amount of dirt tracked onto the road by construction equipment.

Commission member Loftus asked if Code Enforcement is issuing citations to residents who blow grass clippings onto the street when they mow. Reuter reported that very few people violate this ordinance. Violators receive a door hanger notifying them that they are out of compliance and then receive a ticket if they continue to violate the ordinance.

Reuter updated the Commission on a recent walk through of Oakwood Drive between with the Iowa Army Corps of Engineers, Councilman Dewater, Public Works Director, and City Engineer regarding the eroding bank of the Cedar River affecting residents living on that street. Reuter stated that during the walk through, the group noticed several preventable factors that contribute to the bank erosion. Rainwater runoff from homes has been flowing directly into the river. As a result, the ground under several trees is eroding and the trees are close to falling in the river. Homeowners throw grass clippings over the bank, killing vegetation that helps hold the bank together. Animals are burrowing into the bank causing it to weaken. Reuter stated he plans to send informational flyers to homeowners on Oakwood explaining how they can divert some of their rainwater runoff from flowing into the river. Loftus asked if the residents own the entire riverbank and Reuter stated that the Oakwood Drive residents own the riverbank all the way up to the river. Mayor Faas stated that the Army Corps has ideas on how to fix the problem but ultimately, property owners will need to decide what course they want to take. Faas said he would like to hold a town hall meeting to inform the neighborhood of options for solutions, to include, if they choose, doing a special assessment to fund repairs. In addition, Reuter noted that erosion on First Street is causing the bank to wash out from underneath the road. Commission member Loftus noted that he would like to see a wing dam constructed to help divert the flow of the river away from the bank. Reuter explained that such a project would be incredibly expensive.

Loftus asked if Public Works will sweep the streets soon because leaves are cluttering the storm water intakes. Reuter stated that Public Works has a regular schedule for street sweeping.

There being no further discussion, Clements/Reuter motioned to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Ayes-Three. Motion carried

Kelley Rouchka, Deputy City Clerk
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