

## **MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 10/10/2013**

The meeting was called to order @ 6:10 PM, Thursday, October 10, 2013, in the North Conference Room @ 21630 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

### **Council Members**

Dave Kaplan, Chair  
Melissa Musser  
Jeremy Nutting

### **City Staff**

Tony Piasecki, City Manager  
Dan Brewer, Planning, Building & PW Director  
Loren Reinhold, SWM Utility Manager  
Pat Bosmans, City Attorney  
Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II

### **AGENDA:**

1. Approve minutes of June 13, 2013
2. SWM Capital Improvement Budget
3. Project Updates
4. NPDES Litigation Update

### **MEETING:**

1. Minutes of June 13, 2013, were unanimously approved.
2. SWM Capital Improvement Budget: Loren Reinhold went through the proposed 2014 SWM CIP Budget. He started by explaining a transfer from Operations to CIP is reduced by \$250,000 in order to provide funding for the SWM Comprehensive Plan effort. Then went on to outline the three construction projects scheduled for next year which include the 216<sup>th</sup> Place Pipe Replacement; the Des Moines Memorial Drive Pipeline from S 212<sup>th</sup> to S 213<sup>th</sup> Streets; and the 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pipeline project from S 224<sup>th</sup> to S 230<sup>th</sup> Streets in conjunction with the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Safety Improvement Project. Design and permitting to be completed for the Lower Massey Creek Channel project in preparation for construction in 2015. Pipe Replacement Program funds for 2015 have been moved forward to this year to cover the cost of the 216<sup>th</sup> Street "Sinkhole" pipe repair. Because of high costs, the Barnes Creek/Kent-Des Moines Road Culvert Replacement needs to go through a feasibility analysis to determine the most cost effective means to build the project. CIP proposes to do the analysis in 2014 with construction in 2016.
3. Project Updates: Loren gave a brief update SWM's projects which included:
  - Lower Des Moines Creek, Barnes Creek 223<sup>rd</sup> Street Culvert Project, Redondo Heights Culvert completed.
  - Detention Pond Safety Improvements (chain link fencing), currently soliciting quotes and will be installed by end of year.

- 216<sup>th</sup> Street sinkhole/pipe repair – 10 contractors were solicited but only one quote received which was high. Looking to get another quote before proceeding. Budget amendment will be required to add this urgent repair project to 2013.
  - Lower Massey Creek Channel Project – the initial hydraulic modeling is complete and preliminary engineering will start soon. Recommended approach is now to install a sheet pile wall on the south side of the creek rather than the north side to achieve a higher channel capacity.
4. NPDES Litigation Update: Loren provided information to the Committee describing the history of our municipal stormwater permit (NPDES). City Attorney Pat Bosmans, then briefed the Committee on the new NPDES Phase II 2013-2018 Permit and gave a brief update on the litigation involving small cities and said we have completed our interrogatories and the preliminary hearings (Pollution Control Hearings Board) are scheduled for October. The Board is expected to issue a decision within 60-90 days following the conclusion of the hearings.

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:52 pm

Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II