

9-10-13

Stormwater Utility Fee Presentation, General Beadle School

Council Members Present – Amanda Scott, Bonnie Petersen, Bill Clayton, Ritchie Nordstrom, John Roberts, Brad Estes

Staff Present – Terry Wolterstorff, Dale Tech, Mary Bosworth

Stormwater Drainage Utility Task Force Members – Lori Litzen, Lawrence Kostaneski

Public – 14 attendees

6:15 Introduction by John Roberts and Presentation by Terry W.

6:30 - Questions/Comments:

No input from BHHB and others – typical, throw something out and hope it sticks. Another fee will slow down development. People will go to Meade County.

Rick Askvig - \$21.00 is a financial impact to the elderly. Cannot continue to increase the costs to run the government... need to start cutting back. How will this affect the growth in Rapid City? This is another fee on the builders ... development will move to Meade County. Need to look at developing the park land to get funding for the city. Why isn't the runoff factor for a larger home on a large lot more comparable to a commercial runoff factor?

Brad Estes – The city needs to act on this now. We have already allowed this to go on too long without addressing the issue.

Jordon Mason – Will this replace the 1990 fees? How were the runoff factors shown in the table obtained? Will new employees be hired? Is funding attached to taxes?

Dale Archer – Photos don't lie – there is a problem. Is this an incremental plan – will the rates eventually go up?

Can City Council change the rates at any time or will they automatically rise?

Dane Boomsma – Will properties with stormwater detention be given credit? What if a property does not allow any drainage to leave site? City recently hired new employee to inspect and charges builders a fee (*Erosion and Sediment Control – different program and funding source*). Will any funds be used on private property to cleanup an issue between two houses?

Dale Archer – Is the ordinance written so money is only allocated for drainage or can City Council siphon money?

Will funds be used to move residents out of the floodplain?

John Roberts – Will the fee be applied to residents within Rapid City or will the boundary extend to the three mile limit?

Bonnie Peterson – Can anyone call to have their rate computed? The Council has become aware of how the drainage infrastructure is not being maintained.

Are there mitigation grants to help with floodplain projects? Can the fee be used for local cost share?

Amanda Scott – Everyone will pay, including all government buildings etc. FEMA 50% funding cost share may be option and can be researched

Ski – Where does the money come from that the Parks & Recreation Department will pay for their fee?

Is the county Commission considering a stormwater fee?

Is the City Right of Way exempt?

Why is the city hiring new employees – why not just subcontract the work?

When you look at chart comparing water, sanitary sewer and drainage the percent of money used for maintenance for the drainage system is high in comparison to water and sanitary sewer?

9-12-13

Stormwater Utility Fee Presentation, West Middle School

Council Members Present –Bonnie Petersen, Brad Estes, Jerry Wright

Staff Present – Terry Wolterstorff, Dale Tech, Mary Bosworth

Stormwater Drainage Utility Task Force Members – Lori Litzen, Lawrence Kostaneski, Michael Sanborn

Public – 21 attendees

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6:07 Introduction by Jerry Wright and Presentation by Terry W.

6:23 - Questions/Comments:

Jerry Foster – If a property is located in the County but not within city limits and has runoff into the city drainage system will they be charged a fee? Is the county in the process of implementing a drainage fee? What happens if I don't pay my bill?

Ski comment – collected with mortgage

Michael Sanborn – Have arrangements been made with the County for collection of the fee?

At a rate of 3 million a year, how many years is it going to take to get 50% of the total work needed completed

Jerry Wright comment – Bonding for drainage fee may be possibility

Are any of the drainage issues to be addressed in the floodplain?

Will the presentation be online?

Comment from George on Brookside Drive - Why doesn't the city do a better job enforcing against people throwing garbage and maintaining drainage ditches? What is the City going to do about this?

Discussion regarding above comment: Michael S. - What happens when a council member call Public Works? Possibly add to ordinance a fine schedule for dumping. Bonnie P. – Call code enforcement and then call your council person for follow up. Ski – Issue was not discussed at task force. Crews cleanout and then 10 minutes later citizen throw stuff back in. Citizen comment – levy fines on people and use the money to clean up dumping in ditches.

How will projects be prioritized?

Bond for the projects now and get started – don't wait until you have all the money. The sooner you have the money the sooner you can get started.

Have area in the floodplain been looked at to see if properties can be removed from the floodplain?

Jerry W. – There may be possible projects, it will be looked at and hope we can do it, no promises.

Terry Larson – This is the best thing for RC. Need staff to locate storm sewer as a utility.

Jennifer – Appreciate that this is an issue and that we do need to pay. Appears to be based on lot size, not impervious surfaces? City needs to encourage people to use pervious surfaces when developing.

Jerry Wright – Possibly credits need to be established. Money raised for stormwater stays in the bank for stormwater.

The 4 million seems low for the number of projected projects – is more money needed? Will the rates go up? Why not increase the amount needed now? I live on Pierre Street and something needs to be done now – my property value drops every year.

Jerry W. – Bonding is an option. This is what Sioux Falls has done. At current rates – pay back in 15 year period.

Is house included in impervious area? What about driveway? If I get rid of driveway will my fee decrease?

Why are you removing the fees currently paid at Building permit?

Bonnie P. – There is a lot of support from council for the people who were moved into the FEMA floodplain. There are a lot of problems with drainage all over the city. The council is in it to make city better. Right now we need to take baby steps, the environmental friendly steps will come. It sounds like most here are in favor or at least recognize the need.

Steve Palmer – 28 million rolled into CIP?

Jerry Foster – Another benefit is more money for street repairs.

Ski – Is 4 million enough, maybe go higher, strike while the iron is hot. Jerry W. – Keep it cool, we have a good plan, let's not get greedy. Keep in mind no one is exempt.

Eric Braun – What is the prioritization process? Will there be public input? Some neighborhoods will feel neglected.

Michael S. – Squeaky wheel gets their project done.

Bonnie (Pierre St) – we are on a fixed income. Our house was put into the floodplain and now we are paying flood insurance. The flood insurance rate is going to go up. Now you are adding a utility fee. Where is this going to stop? Are we going to be driven out of our house?

The video showed my street, are improvements identified for that street?

How do I know if my house is in the floodplain?

Steve Palmer – Show the public what can be done with 3 million a year.

Roger Hall – 3 million is not enough.

9-17-13

Stormwater Utility Fee Presentation, South Middle School

Council Members Present –Bonnie Petersen, Brad Estes, Jerry Wright, Charity Doyle, Ritchie Nordstrom, Bill Clayton

Staff Present – Terry Wolterstorff, Dale Tech, Mary Bosworth

Stormwater Drainage Utility Task Force Members – Lori Litzen, Lawrence Kostaneski, Michael Sanborn, James Wingert

Public – 35 attendees

6:05 Introduction by Jerry Wright

6:12 Presentation by Terry W.

Questions/Comments:

Bill C. – The proposed fees will not be collected until 2015, in the interim, is there funding available for maintenance?

Mrs. Solon – How much per year is collected with the interim policy?

Jeff Lage – In many new developments the homeowners (HOA) are being charged to maintain the detention ponds in their neighborhood. With this new program will the City take over the maintenance of the ponds?

SDSM&T owns a large amount of property throughout the city. We estimate our fee will be \$25,000. Will there be a 'cap' on the fee for any property owners?

Jerry W. – Exemptions and fee caps were the most debated issue by the task force and will be discussed at the City Council meeting. Exemptions raise the cost for others. Property owners do have the individual assessment option – the calculated value will be used.

Property taxes – assessed value for drainage

I own a small business. I now pay a utility fee and will also pay a drainage fee? What is the difference? (*The utility fee is a industrial user fee.*)

Dan Bjerke – Where will the storm water utility be housed? Will a new structure be built?

Will additional people be hired? Will they be paid from the utility fee?

Dan Bjerke – How will the money that is currently set aside for the street department to do drainage work be used?

Mike G – Will the Public Works Department continue to research and apply for grants as other funding options?

Sig Z. – Will there be incentives for pervious concrete or other green development?

Why aren't our property taxes being used for drainage?

Jeff Lage – If this doesn't pass is there a fall back plan?

Will citizens vote on this or City Council?

Tammy Ellison – Isn't there a fine for people who do not take care of the ditches when they are located on their property? Why isn't this fine implemented?

Jerry W. – The city may need to obtain easements and/or property to allow the city to assume maintenance of ditches.

There has been major damage due to drainage issues this year. How will the city decide who benefits from the money first?

Why doesn't the city start fining immediately and use that money to address drainage problems?

Jerry W. – I will call code enforcement tomorrow and tell them to start enforcing cleaning of ditches.

Brad E. – Code enforcement will look at all issues.

Charity D. – The City Council has set aside \$800,000 in the 2014 budget to start getting drainage maintenance done.

Is it a goal to lessen FEMA floodplain areas?

Jerry W. – Without the funding this is not going to happen. I am convinced we can help with FEMA floodplain issues.

Brad E. – Removing property from the floodplain is a huge process – CLOMR is part of the process.

If the city had the \$150 million right now and did all the work necessary, can you guarantee the streets would never flood? In the next 40 years will FEMA standards never change?

Jerry W. – The mechanics/hydraulics of engineering have not changed in 70 years. Clean Water Act has complicated things.

I think it is a serious mistake not to incorporate reduction credits or incentives to get a credit. This should be addressed now instead of three years from now.

Michael S. – FEMA is not going to require people to store water in their basements.

Charity D. – Is there a cost for the detailed analysis for the drainage fee?

Will there be a detailed schedule for maintenance?

Has the City considered using jail people for labor force?

Why are the retention ponds not draining? This is causing many of the problems with vegetation growth.

Shouldn't more water be retained on properties? About 20 years ago there was discussion about building a 20 acre lake to store water.

Property taxes are paid arrears – that is why fund not available until 2015

Why isn't the fee being charged on the monthly utility bill?

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PROPOSED STORMWATER DRAINAGE UTILITY
PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS
September 10, 12, & 17, 2013
6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

Name: DAN BJERKE

Address: 6915 DUNSMOAR ROAD Rapid City SD 57702

Phone No. 605-381-0493

E-Mail Address: dbjerke@cretex.com

I have the following comments or concerns regarding the proposed stormwater drainage utility:

The City has long needed a dedicated source of revenue for stormwater drainage capital improvements and probably more important, maintenance of drainage facilities. (on-going necessity)

The fee structure needs to be assessed fairly with all properties within the utility district. No exemptions or capped fees,

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Name: Mike Kriz
Address: 18 Nebraska St
Phone No. 605-209-7530
E-Mail Address: Mike.Kriz@midco.net

I (we) have the following comments or concerns regarding the proposed stormwater drainage utility:

I fully support the SWDF fee
as you know I have a drainage "ditch" in my
backyard that needs maintenance and. Realistically,
a complete overhaul.

- Code Enforcement needs to be brought in to this
discussion to identify and cite violators who
contribute to the debris left in these drainages

- All necessary funding avenues must be exhausted to
augment the need

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Name: Deann Keifman
Address: 1120 Naples Ct.
Phone No. 431-1787
E-Mail Address: solon3@gmail.com

I (we) have the following comments or concerns regarding the proposed stormwater drainage utility:

Discussion took place about caps or exemptions. Those with more land should not pay a smaller % by having a cap. It should not be regressive where the small user ends up paying a greater % of income. Exemptions should only be for those whom the rain does not fall upon.

Motivation to decrease impervious surfaces will be a re-assessment and lower fees.

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Name: McDowell Richard - Patricia
Address: 4833 Pierre
Phone No. 341 2174
E-Mail Address: RAY McDowell 44 @ G Mail, com

I (we) have the following comments or concerns regarding the proposed stormwater drainage utility:

proposed schedule for making
improvements - protection ?

houses in AREA cannot sell -
what is effect on property tax
assessment ?

prop. value is negatively impacted

what ARE specific proposals for
Flood PLAIN abatement plans in
my AREA; ? storm sewers ?

Levees ?

dikes ?

channelizing ?

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Name: ERIK BRAUN

Address: 5431 PINEDALE HEIGHTS DRIVE

Phone No. 605 - 348 - 0141

E-Mail Address: erik.braun@gmail.com

I (we) have the following comments or concerns regarding the proposed stormwater drainage utility:

I REALLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS
OF COUNCIL + STAFF TO HOLD MEETINGS
ON THE ISSUE. HAVING WATCHED PLANS
COME THROUGH THE CITY ON FUTURE
LAND USE, TRANSPORTATION, ETC. THOUGH
I DO FEAR THAT SOME CONSTITUENTS
WILL BE MISSED, ~~AND~~ I THINK CARE
SHOULD BE TAKEN BY STAFF AND COUNCIL
TO SOLICIT INPUT SO THIS DOES
NOT BECOME A CASE WHERE THE
SILENT MAJORITY OBJECTS DOWN THE LINE
BECAUSE OF A PERCEPTION THAT A CITY WIDE
FEE DOES NOT HAVE CITY WIDE BENEFIT.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I (we) have the following comments or concerns regarding the proposed stormwater drainage utility:

- Keep the storm water fee @ building permit time. It gives you more funds!
- Bonding is a good idea to help the projects that are in the floodplain. (Pierre St, Meade St., etc. other subdivisions that just got put in the floodplain and now these homeowners are stuck with flood insurance)
- Have a plan in place for immediate projects, so the public can see where the money is going to go.

#4mil. might not be enough, since

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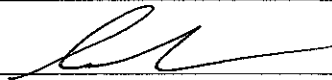
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Name: Scott Carlson
Address: 4911 Pierre st
Phone No. 605-209-6891
E-Mail Address: S.Carlson@knechtinstalledservices.com

I (we) have the following comments or concerns regarding the proposed stormwater drainage utility:

I believe that this is a great idea. I do believe that the 75% should be used to get people out of the new FEMA flood plain. It is of this summer was put into the flood plain. After talking to residence that have lived the from "the flood" none of the close homes had any water. Even after the recent rains we show no potential to be flooded out. If the ditch along Capital st. + Pierre st. + San Marco would be a priority it would take many people out. The new flood plain makes it hard for resale. I would not have purchased the home if I knew what was in store for me now. Please make these areas that can be fixed a priority.

Thanks



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Name: JODY PAGE
Address: 539 MIDDLE VALLEY DRIVE
Phone No. 716-2881
E-Mail Address: hj.pager@gmail.com

I (we) have the following comments or concerns regarding the proposed stormwater drainage utility:

I COMMEND YOU FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS AND INVEST
IN AN OFTEN OVERLOOKED COMPONENT OF OUR CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE.
IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE TASK FORCE, COUNCIL, AND ENGINEERING
STAFF HAVE DONE A DETAILED JOB OF REVIEWING THE UTILITY AND HAVE
PROVIDED A WELL THOUGHT OUT AND REASONABLE PROPOSAL. THE BHM
BUDGET AND FEE CALCULATIONS SEEM LIKE A FAIR BALANCE OF THE
FUNDING NEED VERSUS THE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS OF OUR COMMUNITY
MEMBERS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THIS INITIATIVE MOVE FORWARD
AND THE RESULTING IMPROVEMENTS BENEFIT ALL.

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Name: Bill Dambow
Address: 5124 Ridgerview Rd
Phone No. 605-670-2597
E-Mail Address: bdambow@rap.midco.net

I (we) have the following comments or concerns regarding the proposed stormwater drainage utility:

Two suggestions from the meeting that would generate money for the city and reduce the cost of fixing problems.

1. Have someone in the city draft a letter and send to ALL homeowners and land owners that are ignoring the law. The letter would state, "You have sixty days to correct what's wrong, otherwise you will receive a penalty." Like noxious weeds the laws must be enforced.

2. Use convicts to do the work, as a payback to the community since it costs taxpayers to house and feed them.

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Name: Steve & Gretchen Palmer

Address: 4825 Pierre St. RC, SD 57702

Phone No. 343-3200

E-Mail Address: gspalmer2006@rap.midco.net

I (we) have the following comments or concerns regarding the proposed stormwater drainage utility:

Please prioritize projects (and the design of those projects)
so that the maximum number of homes can be taken back
out of the new FEMA floodplains. Please consider lower income
areas first, or consider neighborhood wide benefits to
individual homeowners, ie cost of flood insurance vs. household
annual income, when calculating c/b ratios

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Common Council
FROM: Cameron Humphres, Airport Executive Director
DATE: September 26, 2013
RE: Proposed Drainage Utility Fee



I respectfully request the Airport be exempt from being assessed the proposed Drainage Utility Fee for the following reasons:

- The Airport does not use any City maintained drainage system – all Airport storm water drains downstream of any City maintained system.
- The Airport operates and maintains its own drainage system – Federal regulations require the Airport to install and maintain storm water drainage infrastructure and have a published Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) in accordance with the Clean Water Act.
- Assessing the Airport a Drainage Utility Fee without direct benefit violates a Federal Grant Assurance putting at risk FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds. Grant Assurance 25 states, "All revenues generated by the airport will be expended by it for the capital or operating costs of the airport; the local airport system; or other local facilities which are owned or operated by the owner or operator of the airport and which are directly and substantially related to the actual air transportation of passengers or property." Violating a Federal Grant Assurance can lead to denial of future funding and required repayment of past grants. The Airport has been the beneficiary of well over \$100M in AIP grants vital to building the infrastructure we have today.

Considering Airport storm water does not drain into any City maintained drainage system and the consequences of losing federal grant funding for airport improvements, I believe it is imperative the City exempt the Airport from the proposed Drainage Utility Fee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Humphres", written over a horizontal line.

Cameron Humphres, Executive Director