



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT PROJECT NEWS

April 11, 2016

CITY NEWS

Hydrant Flushing to Begin Week of April 18

Employees of the Marion Water Department will be flushing the water system beginning the week of April 18 and will continue through mid-June if necessary. Typically flushing usually starts around 8 a.m. and may continue through 2 a.m. Marion residents may notice some temporary discoloration of the water following flushing in your area, and should postpone laundry until it clears. Use of hot water should also be minimized if redness is noticed to prevent build-up within the water heater. The rusty color is due to accumulation of iron sediment in the water mains and is not harmful. The purpose of the flushing is to remove the sediment from the mains, and to exercise and check operation of the City's fire hydrants. Questions may be directed to the Marion Water Department office at 319-743-6310.

Marion to Host Livability Expo and Presentation by Dan Burden on April 21

The City of Marion and Blue Zones Project® invite the public to attend a special presentation by walkability and livability expert Dan Burden. "Livability in Marion, A Vision for Vibrant Communities" will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21 at the Marion City Council meeting. Prior to Dan's presentation to the Council there will be a livability expo at Marion City Hall showcasing the new Marion active living plan "Step in to Nature", food policy work, information on events and progress in Marion Uptown as well as timelines and next steps for ImaginArt in the Alleys. The expo begins at 4:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Dan Burden is a nationally recognized authority on livable and vibrant communities, healthy streets, traffic calming and bicycle and pedestrian programs. Over the past 35 years, Burden has helped more than 3,000 communities become more livable, walkable and sustainable. As a part of Blue Zones Project, Burden has visited Cedar Rapids multiple times in the last two years to advise city leaders and connect citizens with their built environment.

Thriving, healthy communities are built for easy movement for everyone, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders.

Marion Named Tree City USA Growth Award Recipient

The City of Marion was recently honored with the 2015 Tree City USA Growth Award at the 26th Annual Community Forestry Awards Luncheon in Des Moines. The award was presented by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Forestry Bureau April 7 at the Forte Banquet & Conference Center.

“The Tree City USA award is a symbol for communities who have made a commitment to the management of public trees,” says State Forester Paul Tauke. “The City of Marion has provided an outstanding example for other Iowa communities by enhancing our forest resources and demonstrating the great value of trees in providing multiple benefits for future generations.”

Marion was one of 18 Iowa communities to qualify for Tree City USA Growth status. To receive the award, a city must, at a minimum, provide education and public relations; partnerships; planning and management; and tree planting and maintenance in their communities.

2016 PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The complete Annual Engineering Work Program and Map, with estimated construction schedules, separated by project type, can be found at www.cityofmarion.org.

- **2016 Lowe Park Lighting Project - \$153,600**
The project will include the installation of street and trail lights along Irish Drive and trails in Lowe Park. Work includes construction of 6 street lights, 5 dual parking lights, 18 trail bollards, footings, electrical systems, and miscellaneous related work and appurtenances in accordance with the contract documents.
The engineer’s preliminary construction estimate for the 2016 Lowe Park Lighting Project is \$153,600.
On April 21, 2016 City Council will consider approval of the Project Calendar.



Sealed bids will be received by the City of Marion on the 10th day of May, 2016.

Work shall begin no later than April 30, 2017 and be completed within 25 working days.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$100 per day will be assessed for each calendar day in excess of these schedules.

- **Tower Terrace Road Project – Phase V – Mooney-Engle Land Company, \$1,517,642**
The joint public/private project includes the extension of Tower Terrace Road east from the 10th Street intersection to the new location of Winslow Road, west of Indian Creek. The construction will extend the typical cross section of the divided street with grass median, decorative lights, and trees.



The project will also include the completion of the signalization of the 10th Street and Tower Terrace Road intersection.

The City has completed right-of-way acquisition of property east of the Linn-Mar property and continues to strive for completion of right-of-way acquisition from Linn-Mar Schools.

Construction activities are anticipated to have limited impact to traffic.

Construction will begin soon for the installation of the traffic signal hardware at the intersection of Tower Terrace Road and N 10th Street. The infrastructure for the signals (poles, mast arms, etc.) was installed in 2010 when the intersection was constructed. Price Industrial will be pulling wires through existing conduit under the streets, putting up the signal heads, installing the push buttons for pedestrian crossings, etc. Total work, including programming of the signal timings, should take approximately one month. When the project is complete the signals will be fully operational, and the stop signs will be removed.

Price Industrial plans to do the majority of the work off the roadway. The only impact to traffic will be the short term closure of turn lanes when Price is attaching the signal heads to the existing poles.

- **2015 Alburnett Road Widening Project** - Rathje Construction Co., \$189,587

The project, using Miscellaneous Street Repair funding, includes the widening of Alburnett Road between 29th Avenue and East Robins Road to provide for the addition of a dedicated left turn lane north and south. Additional tapers north and south of the intersections/widening will allow traffic to transition into the widened areas.

The contractor has started work as of April 11, 2016 start with an estimated completion to be within 50 working days.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per day will be assessed for each day in excess of the specified completion date.

Some lane closures and localized congestion are expected during construction.

The contractor has used approximately 3 of the 50 working days provided.



widening 29th Avenue



ditch work

- **2015 Storm Sewer Project** - Dave Schmitt Const. Co. Inc., \$153,757

The project includes the construction of storm sewer and drintile, as well as affected sidewalks, drives, and ramps in 7 locations.

The contractor has completed the drintile installation and continues to construct driveways at the following locations:

- Grand Avenue (North Side) 1800 Grand Avenue to South 22nd Street
- 1st Avenue (North Side) South 22nd Street to School Street
- 26th Avenue (South Side) East of Indian Creek Road to Lynn Drive
- Northview Drive (East Side) 25th Avenue to 27th Avenue
- 29th Avenue (South Side) 35th Street to Highland Drive (Order might be modified due to the 29th and 35th Mini Roundabout Project)

- 27th Street (West Side) 18th Avenue to McGowan Boulevard
- Highland Drive (East Side) 28th Avenue to 29th Avenue

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per day will be assessed for each day in excess of the specified completion date.

During the project the streets will remain open but may be slightly restricted and some congestion may occur.

The contractor has used approximately 19 of the 45 working days provided.

- **35th Street / 29th Avenue Mini Roundabout Project** – Eastern Iowa Excavating, \$255,366
The project, using LOST and Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) grant funding, includes the construction of a mini roundabout to replace the existing 2-way stop condition.

This project includes installing concrete pavement, sidewalks, curbs and street lighting to complete a mini roundabout at the intersection of 35th Street and 29th Avenue.

The contractor has started work as of April 11, 2016 start with an estimated completion to be within 45 working days.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per day will be assessed for each day in excess of these schedules.

The project will be constructed in phases with some lane closures, detours, and one short term complete intersection closure while the island is constructed.



Pouring new curb line

- **2016 Ramp Repair Project** - Midwest Concrete Inc., \$78,090.50

This annual program, using bonded funding, typically includes the reconstruction of approximately 5,200 sq. ft. of sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, and associated work.

The contractor has completed work on the south side and will progress through the remaining locations generally near 8th to 11th Avenues and 2nd to 7th Streets.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per day will be assessed for each calendar day in excess of these schedules.

Some lane closures and localized congestion are expected during construction.

The contractor has used approximately 10 of 50 working days provided.



- **ImaginArt in the Alley Project** - Central States Concrete, LLC, \$343,468.15

This project includes infrastructure improvements to the alleys between 10th and 11th Streets and 7th and 8th Avenues. Project construction will include the installation of new paving surface, lighting, drainage systems, art, and aesthetic enhancements.

In 2014, Marion was awarded an ArtPlace America grant of \$350,000 to bring life, vitality, and art to Uptown Marion alleys. The remainder of the approved budget for the project construction and associated engineering services will be funded with the City of Marion Bond Funds.

Weather has not been cooperative to allow for the painting of the realigned parking stalls to provide for the additional parking adjacent to the project. The contractor has agreed to delay the start of the project (April 18th) to allow this work to be performed. Work will begin with removal of existing surfaces and installation of storm sewers. Work shall be completed no later than Oct. 23, 2016.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,500 per day will be assessed for each calendar day in excess of this schedule.

- **2015 10th Street Reconstruction Project** - Rathje Construction Co., \$332,298.15

The project, using LOST funding, included the reconstruction of 10th Street from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue consistent with the remainder of the new Central Corridor.

On April 7, 2016 City Council approved acceptance of the project. The project was completed at a construction cost of \$344,285.32 @ 103.61% of contract and below budget.

The contractor has used approximately 39 of 50 working days provided.

- **Winslow Road Realignment Project** - Mooney-Engle Land Company, \$1,070,411

The joint public/private project includes the relocation of Winslow Road from Settler Drive to Tower Terrace Road. The construction will extend the typical cross section for a collector street with trail on one side and sidewalk on the other.

Completion of the realignment will require the construction of a temporary connection to the old Winslow Road alignment to allow continued use until more of Tower Terrace Road is constructed.

The contractor continues to grade the site and continues installation of storm sewer, water main, and sanitary sewer.

Working days and completion date will be set and controlled by the developer.

- **Central Corridor Complete Streets and Capacity Improvements (Roundabout at 7th Ave & 7th St)** - Ricklefs Excavating, LTD, \$2,871,607

The project, using bond funding and a grant from the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program, will include the reconstruction of the 7th Street and 7th Avenue intersection.

The completed project will include a roundabout and connection to all entering street legs, ultimately shifting commuting traffic to 6th Avenue to improve efficiency and safety. Relocating traffic will also allow the Uptown to become a more pedestrian friendly environment.



Please be aware of potential lane closures and construction near the travel lanes.

The contractor has started work as of April 11, 2016 start with an estimated fall completion.

The project will be broken into 7 stages. Two lanes of through traffic, one in each direction, will be maintained at all times, along with access to the adjacent businesses.

The contractor has used approximately 3 of 120 working days provided.



creating south widening for traffic diversion



removing foundations

- **2016 35th Street Water Main Relay Project – Phase 1** - Rathje Construction Co., \$69,850

This project is funded and administered by the Marion Water Department and will include 630 linear feet of new 12-inch water main to be installed from the intersection of 3rd Avenue and 35th Street to 160 35th Street to replace the existing old 8-inch water main. A detour will be setup during the work in the intersection of 35th Street and 3rd Avenue. Traffic will be down to one lane along 35th Street as the new water main is installed. Work shall commence later on this spring with a completion date of Sept. 9, 2016.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per day will be assessed for each day in excess of the specified completion date.

- **2016 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Project** - Rathje Construction Company, \$44,470

The 2016 Sanitary Sewer Repair Program has a budget of \$240,000. This is being broken down into two separate projects due to the differences in the types of projects and the contractors that would bid these types of projects. The 2016 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Project will include the removal of two brick manholes and the placement of four new manholes and associated work. This work is to provide better access and maintenance to the existing sanitary sewer network. The manholes are located on 9th Street at 6 ½ Avenue and 7 ½ Avenue and 9 ½ Street at 7th Avenue and 7 ½ Avenue.

Work shall begin no later than May 31, 2016 and be completed within 25 working days. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per day will be assessed for each calendar day in excess of these schedules.

- **Alburnett Road Extension Project** - \$1,300,000

This project, using LOST funding, will include the first phase of the extension of Alburnett Road from 7th Avenue to Boyson Road.

On Feb. 15, 2001 Council approved the alignment option extending Alburnett Road south from Edinburgh Drive, south across Indian Creek, through Willow Park and along 2nd Street to 7th Avenue.

Council later reaffirmed the need for the realignment due to traffic volumes and congestion along Central Avenue and 10th Street.

Project funding is not intended to provide for the construction of the bridge over Indian Creek but will allow for extensive preliminary work to be completed.

On March 17, 2016 City Council directed staff to solicit engineering services to complete a concept study. Staff has since distributed a “Request for Proposals” of all local engineering firms to perform the engineering services associated with the Study. Proposals are due to be submitted by no later than 12 pm (noon) on April 13, 2016.



Proposed Alignment



Alignment with Development

• **2016 Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Project - \$240,000**

This project, using Sanitary Sewer funding, will include the cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) sewer lining of approximately 6,123 LF of 8-inch diameter pipe. Locations are as follows:

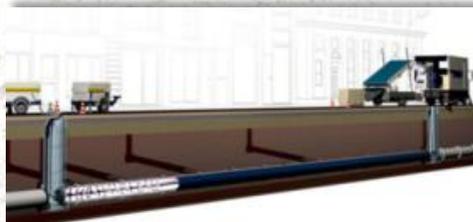
- 5th Street, north of 29th Avenue
- 26th Street, south of 17th Avenue
- 17th Avenue, from 26th Street to 27th Street
- 18th Avenue, 27th Street to 31st Street
- 26th Street, from 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue
- 4th Avenue, from 26th Street to 31st Street
- 27th Street, from 10th Avenue to 11th Avenue
- 27th Street, from 12th Avenue to 14th Avenue
- 28th Street, from 10th Avenue to 12th Avenue
- 30th Street, from 11th Avenue to 12th Avenue
- 12th Avenue, from 30th Street to 31st Street

On April 7, 2016 City Council awarded a contract to Visu-Sewer, Inc. regarding the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Sliplining Project in the amount of \$137,303.00.

Work shall be completed no later than September 25, 2016.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300.00 per day will be assessed for each calendar day in excess of this schedule.

Some lane closures and localized congestion are expected during construction.



- **2016 HMA Resurfacing Project** - L. L. Pelling Co., Inc., \$912,293.60

This annual program, using Miscellaneous Street Repair funding, includes the asphalt overlay of streets evaluated to be both in the most need and to provide the greatest benefit to the most drivers. Staff annually evaluates the need for maintenance of local streets against those collector and arterial streets carrying the most traffic.

On Jan. 7, 2016 City Council approved the recommended street locations as follows:

- 5th Street from 29th Avenue to 300⁷ North.
- South 14th Street from A Avenue to G Avenue.
- 5th Avenue from 13th Street to 31st Street.
- A Avenue from 15th Street to 22nd Street.
- 22nd Street from 8th Avenue to 10th Avenue.
- 12th Avenue from Maplecrest to Northview Drive.
- 15th Avenue from Maplecrest to Northview Drive.
- 8th Avenue from 25th Street to 30th Street.
- 26th Street from 3rd Avenue to 5th Avenue.
- 4th Avenue from 27th Street to 31st Street.
- 50th Street from 8th Avenue to 10th Avenue.
- Southview Drive -Twixt Town Road to Ridge Drive.

Work shall begin no later than July 18, 2016 and be completed within 55 working days.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per day will be assessed for each calendar day in excess of this schedule.

- **2016 Lowe Park Parking Lot Project** - L.L. Pelling Company, Inc., \$671,415.65

The project will include the extension of Irish Drive into Lowe Park, construction of two parking lots, and adjacent trails.

Work shall begin no later than June 24, 2016 and be completed within 50 working days.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per day will be assessed for each calendar day in excess of these schedules.

Staff will prepare a follow-up project to include the lighting to be installed in the parking lots and along the trails. The estimated cost is \$150,000.



- **Fairview Drive Reconstruction** - Rathje Construction Co., \$537,400

This project, using Miscellaneous Street Repair funding, includes the reconstruction of Fairview Drive from 8th Street to 11th Street.

The project includes the reconstruction of the existing pavement, driveways, storm sewer, subdrain, water main and other associated work.

Work shall begin no later than May 31, 2016 and be completed within 70 working days.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$500 per day will be assessed for each calendar day in excess of this schedule.

Complete closures of these blocks will occur to provide for storm sewer installation and complete pavement reconstruction.

- **Donnelly Park Boyson Trail Bridge Replacement Project** - Ricklefs Excavating, LTD, \$148,413

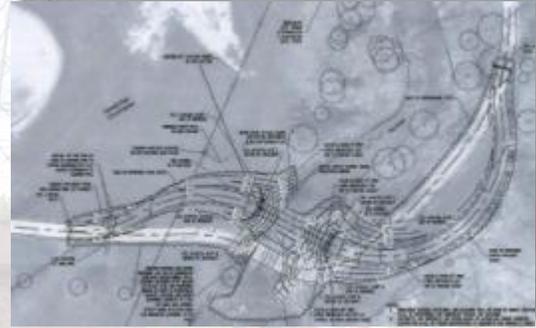
This project includes the replacement of the existing low water creek crossing on the Boyson Trail with a pedestrian bridge and realignment of the trail.

The contractor has indicated that work will start no later than May 16, 2016 and be completed within 25 working days.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per day will be assessed for each calendar day in excess of this schedule.



Similar bridge type



Project plan layout

- **2016 Miscellaneous Sidewalk Assessment Project** - \$92,500

This annual program provides for the construction of sidewalks in areas where no sidewalk currently exists.

On March 17, 2016 City Council held a public hearing and approved the Final Project Calendar, overruling of objections, approve the Final Resolution of Necessity, and order completion of the construction plans to proceed with the established state process for assessment for the following locations:

- 27th Street (West Side) From 10th to 12th Avenue
- Grand Avenue (South Side) South 15th Street to 420' west
- Barrington Parkway (North Side) west of 10th Street
- East Post Road (West Side) Oakbrook Drive to 1040 Grand Avenue

Staff is preparing construction plans for a tentative May 24, 2016 Project Letting.

- **Lindale Crossing at Lindale Drive Project** - Trey Electric Corporation, \$16,769

This project, using Capital Improvement Project–Signal funding, includes improvements regarding the addition of signage and flashing beacons at the Lindale Trail Crossing at Lindale Drive.

Work shall commence no later than April 11, 2016 and be completed within 10 working days.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$100 per day will be assessed for each day in excess of these schedules.

Project will require some work adjacent to the travel lanes. Please be aware of the construction when in the area.

- **2016 Winslow Road Reconstruction Project** - \$770,000

This project, using LOST funding, will include the reconstruction of Winslow Road from approximately Valentine Drive south to the northern Indian Creek Bridge. Staff will evaluate different project scopes and methods for reconstruction in the coming months.

The project includes the reconstruction of the existing pavement, driveways, storm sewer, subdrain, water main and other associated work.

Engineering continues with construction plan development and design for an expected letting date in April.

Construction is expected to begin around June or July and require approximately 3-5 months to complete, with a period of complete street closure expected to provide for storm sewer installation and complete pavement reconstruction.

- **West 8th Avenue Reconstruction Project - \$800,000**

This project, using LOST funding, would include the widening of West 8th Avenue from approximately Lindale Drive to Indian Creek.

As staff developed construction plans it was also discovered that the project was estimated to cost closer to \$1,800,000 than the budgeted \$800,000 in LOST Funding. The added costs can be attributed to extensive storm water system construction and newly adopted complete streets amenities.

Staff, based on these findings, is requesting the LOST Committee approve the reallocation of the West 8th Avenue Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$800,000 to the Winslow Road Reconstruction and Lucore Road Reconstruction Projects. Funding would be used to meet the funding gap for the reconstruction of Winslow Road and the remainder would be provided for the reconstruction of Lucore Road.

Any remaining funds would be provided for any project funding short falls in the Neighborhood Street Improvements (Year 3, 2016-17).

- **Boyson Road and 10th Street Traffic Study - \$60,000**

This study, using LOST funding, will evaluate the need for improvements at the Boyson Road and 10th Street intersection. It is expected that the intersection of Indian Creek Road and 10th Street will also need to be included due to its proximity to the study area.

Traffic volumes, accident rates, congestion levels, and visibility will be studied prior to the selection of a traffic device to solve any related issues.

Separate funding will be needed to complete any recommended changes.

- **Boyson Road Culvert Extension Project - \$100,000**

This project, using Storm Water Utility funding, includes the extension of the existing Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) Storm Water crossing under Boyson Road near the west City Limits.

In 2011, staff in cooperation with adjacent development, widened and urbanized the south side of Boyson Road west of Alburnett Road. This required the extension of the existing culverts on the south side at that time.

In anticipation of similar widening occurring on the north side of Boyson Road staff is proposing a project to extend the same culverts to the north.

Staff is working with the adjacent owner to acquire an easement to allow for the construction of the project.

Construction is expected in 2016 and will require some short term lane closures.

- **Central Corridor Project (26th Street to 31st Street) – Abode Construction**

The project will include the reconstruction of the Central Corridor Project from 26th Street to 31st Street including the roundabout near the old Marion Iron site connecting 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue.

The project, a public/private partnership, includes the partial construction of the Central Corridor Project between 13th and 31st Streets by Abode Construction.

On April 10, 2014 a resolution approving a development agreement with Genesis Equities, LLC, including tax increment financing payments in an amount not to exceed \$8,400,000 plus interest, was approved by City Council providing for the construction funding by the developer.

The project will be constructed in 2 stages, including sanitary sewer in Stage 1, and paving with storm sewer in stage 2.

On Aug. 6, 2015 City Council approved a resolution regarding concurrence of a contract for the construction of the Central Corridor Project (26th St to 31st St – Stage I) by Genesis Equities, LCC, in the amount of \$369,232.30.

On April 7, 2016 City Council will consider approval of a resolution regarding concurrence with the developer agreement associated with the Central Corridor regarding environmental cleanup of the Marion Iron Site in an amount of \$199,945.90.

The contractor continues with the installation of sanitary sewer on 6th Avenue east from 17th Street, however, some work is on hold due to delays associated with IDNR site access approval for the Marion Iron Site.

The project will be constructed in phases with some lane closures and localized congestion when building the roundabout.

Working days and completion date will be set and controlled by the developer.



- **Armar Drive Extension Project - \$400,000**

The project will extend Armar Drive from the existing south end (in Cedar Rapids) to Highway 100. The intersection at Highway 100 has already been constructed and signalized with ARRA Funds.

The City continues with the process for condemnation of right-of-way for this highly significant project. Per Section 354.4A of the Code of Iowa a 7 day notice will be given to the property owner to allow for the surveying of the required acquisition. On Nov. 5, 2015 City Council approved a resolution establishing fair market value and just compensation for the acquisition of certain real property and an interest in real property owned by Phyllis M. Rausch, trustee of the William J. Rausch Family Trust, located N ½ of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 12, Township 83 North, Range 7, West of the 5th P.M., Linn County Iowa regarding the Armar Drive Extension Project. The City's attorney received a request from the owner to request their own appraisal. The required 30 to 60 days to obtain has now elapsed. Staff has requested the attorney to provide the next steps.



SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT

Staff provides inspection for the development of all subdivisions and commercial sites within the city limits. This work begins with construction plan review and includes field quality control for storm and sanitary sewers, drantile, portland cement concrete maturity, grade, air content, slump (water content) and pavement thickness. The City has adopted the latest version of SUDAS (Statewide Design Standards) and utilizes these standards for all subdivision construction.

Subdivision Residential

Authors 3rd Addition - Rathje Construction, E & F Paving

Location: East side 35th Street

Punch list items remain (small miscellaneous cleanup items).

Authors 4th Addition - Rathje Construction, E & F Paving

Location: East side 35th Street

Plans have been approved.

Bedford Heights – Pirc Tobin Construction

Location: West of Alburnett Road / south of Echo Hill Road

Clearing and Grubbing and grading continues.

Bowman Woods Unit 37 - Rathje Construction, E & F Paving

Location: south of East Robins Road, west of Alburnett Road

Water main installation proceeding.

Bridge Creek 4th Addition - Ricklefs Excavating, City Wide

Location: Winslow Road south of Rolling Glen Drive

Storm sewer installation proceeding.

Echo Ridge Estates -

Location: west side of Alburnett Road, north of Echo Hill Road

Preliminary plat to City Council.

Edgebrooke Estates North 1st Addition -

Location: extension of Edgebrook Drive to Vaughn Drive and White Oak Drive to Edgebrook Drive.

Submitted plan review proceeding.

Gemstone Estates 3rd Addition - Rathje Construction, E & F Paving

Location: extension of Gemstone Drive and connection to Tower Terrace Road via Lennon Lane.

Storm sewer installation proceeding.

Hunters Field 9th Addition – Pirc Tobin Construction

Location: extension of Elderton Drive

Punch list items remain (small miscellaneous cleanup items).

Hunters Field 10th Addition - Pirc Tobin Construction

Location: extension of Foxborough

Punch list items remain (small miscellaneous cleanup items).

Prairie Hill 16th Addition –

Location: extensions of 50th Street and Prairie Hill Drive, and 28th Avenue.

Submitted plan review proceeding.

Squaw Creek Meadows 7th Addition - Rathje Construction, E & F

Location: Alexis Lane extension south of Grand Avenue and west of 31st Street

Punch list items remain (small miscellaneous cleanup items).

Commercial Sites

Capital Commercial (1207 7th Ave)

The building construction is ongoing.

Integrity Homes Commercial Condos (62nd St)

Site work nearly completed. Final stabilization will occur in the spring.



Marion Public Services Site (3rd Ave)

No additional review was done. Prelim plans have been reviewed in the past.

Legacy Site Plan (Partners Ave)

Site under construction.

El Plast Site Plan (Partners Ave)

Site stabilization and punch list items remain.

Linn COOP Expansion (3rd Ave)

Building construction is continuing.

Platinum Multi-Family (Prairie Hill Drive)

Second 12-plex nearly completed. First 5-plex is well under way.

Kobliska Plumbing (Commercial Ave)

Site under construction.

Linn Mar High School Remodel (10th St)

Site under construction.

Moose Properties (44th St)

North driveway, building, and parking lot have been completed. Construction has started on the proposed “middle” building.

Croell Redi-Mix (49th St)

Site under construction.

Goodwill / Hills Bank (7th Ave)

Site under construction. Work in south lot is underway.

Hotchkiss Commercial Property (Blairs Ferry Rd)

Building construction continues.

Electric Specialty Manufacturing (Partners Ave)

Site under construction.

Arctic Insulation Specialists (Partners Ave)

Site plan reviewed and approved. Site work has not started.

Platinum Multi-use (29th Ave / Prairie Hill Dr)

Site plan reviewed and comments sent back to Consultant.

Blairs Ferry Senior Housing (Blairs Ferry Rd)

Site work is proceeding.

Victory Gymnastics (N. Gateway Dr)

Building construction is proceeding.

PCC work completed. Still working on building.

Arbor Trails Senior Housing (Blairs Ferry Rd)

Building construction has started.

MISD – Longfellow Elementary Demo (8th Ave)

Demo work has been completed.

APC Emmert Site Plan (3rd Ave)

Building construction has started.

KTRO Storage Units (3rd Ave)

Site plan was reviewed and comments sent back to Consultant.



TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

As the chairman of the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) it is my responsibility to coordinate citizen requests regarding traffic concerns and possible changes in signage or traffic regulations.

The TAC is comprised of the City Engineer, City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Planning Director, and the Public Services Director. The committee meets when necessary and able to evaluate the requests and make a recommendation to City Council whether the request warrants mitigation.

Requests are only accepted in written form (letter or email) and directed to the Mayor and City Council. The City Council then decides if the request is only for information or requires evaluation and referral to the TAC. If review is necessary Council will, by motion, receive and file the item and refer it to TAC.

The TAC evaluates the requests based on several criteria including the following:

- Traffic counts, speed, vehicle type, and overall volumes provided by staff and traffic data collectors,
- Vehicle and pedestrian accident rates provided by the Police Department,
- Site visibility and stopping distances based on engineering standards,
- Emergency vehicle, snow removal, and garbage pickup accessibility,
- General public use verses individual owner needs,
- Input by the requestor and the public.

TAC then uses the criteria to discuss, evaluate, and provide a recommendation to City Council at a regular Council Meeting. The requestor is notified of the date that the report recommendation will be presented and provided a time to address City Council regarding the request. Once Council has acted on the request notice is sent to the requestor and appropriate action is taken by staff.

- **On April 7, 2016 City Council approved a Resolution establishing a temporary truck embargo on Rolling Glen Drive from North 10th Street to 1041 Rolling Glen Drive (staff).**

Staff received requests to embargo Rolling Glen Drive from North 10th Street to 1041 Rolling Glen Drive due to construction traffic and the condition of the existing pavement. Staff recommended establishing a temporary truck embargo.

- **On April 21, 2016 City Council will consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 63 of the Code of Ordinances establishing speed limit on East Robins Road within the Incorporated Limits of the City. (second consideration)**

As development has occurred in this area traffic volumes and accident rates have risen. Staff recommended lowering the existing 45 MPH Speed Limit to 35 MPH.

- **On April 21, 2016 City Council will consider a Motion to receive and file TAC Report regarding Highway 13 / 29th Avenue intersection (Judy and Dave Weber, 1847 Fernow Road).**

Staff has received correspondence regarding speed limits on Highway 13 at 29th Avenue. Staff has been in communication with Iowa DOT regarding lowering speed limits following direction by City Council.

- **On April 21, 2016 City Council will consider a Motion to receive and file Staff Report regarding a request for “No Parking” on 1st Street from 29th Avenue to 33rd Avenue. (Will Holland)**

On November 19, 2015 City Council considered this request and denied the establishing of no parking along 1st Street. Staff recommended no change at this time.

- **On April 21, 2016 City Council will consider a Motion to receive and file correspondence regarding establishing parking on 7th Avenue (Harold Mally, Noah’s Archive, 945 7th Avenue).**

TAC will present a report at a future meeting.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

- **On April 21, 2016 City Council will consider a Motion to receive and file Staff Report regarding a request for purchase of property at 3501 29th Avenue. (Ken and Karen Swalley, 3500 28th Avenue)**
Staff has reviewed the request and will recommend possible use by the neighbor but not to sell the property.
- **On April 21, 2016 City Council will consider a Motion to receive and file correspondence regarding request for brick border in sidewalk (Susan C. Hightshoe, 488 33rd Avenue).**

We continue to build an email list, so please forward addresses to me of those wishing to receive this information.

Feel free to forward to anyone with interest.

If you have additional questions regarding ongoing projects please address them to my email and I will add them to future reports.

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