



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT PROJECT NEWS

August 3, 2015

CITY NEWS

Marion's Smoke-Free Parks Ordinance in Effect August 1

With a goal to be the healthiest city in the state and a vision to be the best place in Iowa to raise a family, the City of Marion has made the commitment to smoke-free, nicotine-free and tobacco-free parks and trails. Effective, August 1, 2015 smoking or the use of tobacco, nicotine products, and vaporizers will not be allowed in City parks or trails. Violators will be subject to a \$50 fine. Enforcement will begin following the Swamp Fox Festival on Sept. 26.

Fiber Installation Happening in Residential Neighborhoods

Beginning in early August, sub-contractors for ImOn Communications will install fiber utilities in some established Marion neighborhoods. Work is expected to start on McGowan Boulevard between 31st and 35th Streets, and then move south to 7th Avenue. Big River Communications or Price Industrial Electric will be performing the work.

Sunrise Yoga

Join the Marion Parks and Recreation Department and Marion Blue Zones Project every Saturday through the end of August at the Klopfenstein Amphitheater at Lowe Park (4500 N 10th Street) for FREE yoga. Instructors from local health and fitness clubs will lead each Saturday and take you through a unique routine. Class will start at 7:30 a.m. and last 45 minutes to an hour. Participants are asked to bring a towel or yoga mat to use during the class.



Marion Farmers' Market

Stop by Taube Park (2200 31st Street) every Saturday morning between 8-11:30 a.m. through the end of September for the Marion Farmers' Market. The market offers a wide variety of locally-grown produce, fresh baked goods, flowers, crafts and more. Opportunities for vendors are also available. Contact Marion Parks and Recreation at 447-3590 for rates and availability.



Uptown Marion Market

Don't miss the final Uptown Marion Market of the season, this Saturday, August 8. The market welcomes over 50 local and regional vendors from 8 a.m. to Noon. Vendors will offer fresh produce, baked goods, honey, organic meats and cheeses, Iowa native wines, salsa and a wide selection of artisan items. Live music, community demonstrations and children's entertainment will also be a part of the

activities in the Park. Stop by the City's booth to visit with staff and try your hand at some department trivia. The Marion Chamber of Commerce and Platinum Community Partners: Farmers State Bank, Fosters Heating and Air Conditioning, ImOn Communications, MercyCare Marion, Phillip's Diamond Shop and media sponsor Townsquare Media, are proud to present the Uptown Marion Market this summer.

Uptown Getdown

Meet your friends and neighbors from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. every Thursday evening during the month of August for Uptown Getdown. Enjoy live music, great food and family fun at this free event in City Square Park. On August 13 enjoy the sounds of Brass Transit Authority; on August 20 experience the Pork Tornadoes; and on August 27 listen and dance along with 8 Seconds.



Admission is free to the public thanks to these Marion Chamber Platinum Community Partners – Farmers State Bank, Fosters Heating and Air Conditioning, ImOn Communications, MercyCare Community Physicians-Marion and Mercy Medical Center, Philip's Diamond Shop, and Townsquare Media. The event is produced by the Marion Chamber of Commerce and Uptown Marion with support from the City of Marion.

2015 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.*

- **Highway 13/US Highway 151 Advance Warning Flashers**

This project includes advanced warning signal upgrades at the intersection of Highway 100, Secrist Road and US Highway 13/US Highway 151 in Marion, Iowa.

One sealed bid was received by the City of Marion on July 28, 2015. A low bid of \$38,200 was received from Trey Electric Corp. at 124.73% of engineer's estimate.

On August 6, 2015 City Council approved a contract to Trey Electric Corp. regarding the Hwy 151/13 Signal Advanced Warning Device Project in the amount of \$38,200.

Work shall commence no later than Sept. 28, 2015 and be completed within 10 working days.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per working day will be assessed for work not completed within this time.

Some short-term lane closures may occur but shall be minimal during the construction of this project.

- **35th Street / 29th Avenue Mini Roundabout Project** – Eastern Iowa Excavating, \$225,366

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

A mini roundabout is a roundabout with a smaller footprint and a fully traversable central island. As with modern roundabouts, mini roundabouts do not have design standards but rather design guides and principles.

On July 14, 2015 the City of Marion received three sealed bids ranging from a low bid of \$255,366 (113.34% of estimate) from Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete LLC, to a high bid of \$284,991.91.

On July 23, 2015 City Council tabled the award of a contract to Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete LLC. Council members were interested in having all members available for the vote.

On August 6, 2015 City Council awarded a contract to Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete LLC in the amount of \$255,366.

Work shall commence no later than April 11, 2016 and be completed 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 preliminary engineer's estimate for associated work was \$225,300.

- **Irish Drive Extension Project - CCE, LLC., \$1,029,896.97**

The project, using LOST and Bond funding, includes the construction of the extension of Irish Drive from Tower Terrace Road to Lowe Park. The project also includes the construction of a left-turn lane from east bound Tower Terrace Road onto Irish Drive and the construction of the east-west street intersections and associated utility crossings.

The contractor has completed the construction of the left turn lane on Tower Terrace Road and some punch items remain to be completed.

The project is a public/private effort with construction controlled by the developer so there are no working days assigned to the project.

- **Grant Wood Trail IA 13 Underpass Project – Vieth Construction Corporation - \$922,906.44**

The project includes the construction of a box culvert crossing under Highway 151/13, approximately 1,000 feet south of Linn-Aire Avenue. The project is jointly funded by Linn County Conservation, the City of Marion, and Transportation Enhancement Funds from the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Vieth Construction has completed construction of the east half of the project and now continues to construct the west half.

One lane northbound and one lane southbound will be maintained as a 12 foot wide lane (mirroring current conditions).

The intersection of Highway 13 and Linn-Aire will continue to be right in right out only. The traffic signal heads (traffic lights) will also continue to be bagged at this intersection so this will make it difficult to turn from Linn-Aire to the highway during peak traffic.

Once the west side is done, pavement will be placed, and the highway will be opened to traffic.

There is smoothness testing that will occur on the concrete patches and traffic control will be set up for that to do one lane at a time.

Please be aware of the congestion in this area and consider alternate routes.

The highway underpass will allow the Grant Wood Trail to be connected with Marion's trail system.

The contractor has used approximately 24 of 35 working days provided.



- **13th Street HMA (Hot Mix Asphalt) / Curb Project** - L. L. Pelling, L.C., \$194,095.45
The project, using LOST Funding, includes the reconstruction of 13th Street from 8th to 10th Avenues. The project included the reconstruction of the curb and gutter sections, sidewalks, drives, and ramps and asphalt overlay of the existing brick surface.

13th Street is open to traffic with some minor items to be completed.

The contractor has used approximately 32 of 35 working days provided.

- **2015 HMA Resurfacing Project** - L. L. Pelling Co., Inc., \$1,020,088.15

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.

The contractor has completed the following locations:

- West 9th Avenue – Lindale Drive to Linnview Drive
- Brockman Avenue – 14th Street to 24th Street
- 4th Avenue – 22nd Street to 26th Street
- 10th Avenue – 6th Street to 7th Street
- 8th Avenue – 2nd Street to 6th Street
- Linnview Drive – Alpine Road to 14th Avenue
- 9th Avenue – 9th Street to 10th Street
- 1st Avenue – 27th Street to 31st Street

Beginning on Monday, August 3, 2015, L.L. Pelling started the process to overlay 7th Avenue from 31st Street to 35th Street.

This work is being done under traffic. One lane in each direction will be maintained for this project. There will be several flaggers onsite to give direction.

Accesses to properties will open and close periodically depending on the stage of the work.

The contractor has completed milling off the old surface and begun placing the first of 2 lifts of asphalt.

This work should take about one more week to perform.

The contractor has used approximately 19 of 40 working days provided.



- **Hillview Drive Reconstruction Project** - Abode Construction, Inc., \$314,173.84
The project, using Miscellaneous Street Repair funding, includes the reconstruction of Hillview Drive from 8th Street to 11th Street.
The project included the reconstruction of the existing pavement, driveways, storm sewer, subdrain, water main and other associated work.
The contractor has completed all associated construction items and Hillview Drive is open to traffic.
The contractor has used approximately 36 of 40 working days provided.
- **2015 10th Street Reconstruction Project** - Rathje Construction Co., \$332,298.15
The project, using LOST funding, includes the reconstruction of 10th Street from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue consistent with the remainder of the new Central Corridor.
The contractor continues with the installation of sanitary sewer and watermain.
The contractor has used approximately 12 of 50 working days provided.
Complete closure was required with restricted access provided to adjacent businesses.



- **2015 29th Avenue Widening Project** - Dave Schmitt Construction, \$456,116.70
The project will widen the north half of 29th Avenue from approximately 900 feet east of 35th Street to 44th Street.
On July 9, 2015 Council approved concurrence of the developer's contract with Dave Schmitt Construction for the construction of the 2015 29th Avenue Widening Project for \$456,116.70.
The contractor has completed removal of the existing surfaces and began installation of storm sewer and preparation for pavement.
Completion is still expected to be by the end of August.
Be aware that lane closures on 29th Avenue will occur during the project construction and will cause periods of heavy congestion.



- **2015 Miscellaneous Sidewalk Assessment Project** - Midwest Concrete, \$79,387.30

This annual program, using Capital Improvement Project - Sidewalks funding, provides for the construction of sidewalks in areas where no sidewalk currently exists.

This project includes the construction of sidewalk on 27th Street on the east side from 5th Avenue to 2nd Avenue and on 27th Street on the west side from 19th Street to 12th Street. Items include sidewalk, sidewalk ramps and associated work.

On July 23, 2015 City Council approved the contract with Midwest Concrete, Peosta, Iowa, for the Project.

Sidewalk construction has started between 3rd and 5th Avenues.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per working day will be assessed for work not completed within this time.

The contractor has used approximately 6 of 40 working days provided.

Construction is expected to require some partial lane closures.

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

The project includes the construction of storm sewer and draintile, as well as effected sidewalks, drives, and ramps 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
- Highland Drive (East Side) 28th Avenue to 29th Avenue
- 27th Street (West Side) 18th Avenue to McGowan Boulevard

Work shall commence no later than April 11, 2016 and be completed within 45 working days.

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

The project will require localized temporary lane closures at several locations.

- **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.

Work shall commence no later than April 11, 2016 and be completed 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.

- **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.

Construction could begin as early as fall of 2015 or as late as April 2016. The late start date of April 2016 has been provided to accommodate the work load and resources of bidders. 120 working days has been designated.

The project will be broken into 6 stages. Two lanes of through traffic will be maintained at all times, along with access to adjacent businesses.

- **2015 Sanitary Sewer Sliplining Project – Municipal Pipe Tool Co., \$155,600.75**

The project includes the cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) sewer lining of approximately 5,060 LF of 8-inch diameter pipe, 661 LF of 10-inch diameter pipe, and 278 LF of 15-inch diameter pipe.

Work shall be completed no later than Sept. 25, 2015. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$300 per day will be assessed for each calendar day in excess of this schedule.

Staff will schedule a pre-construction meeting when requested by the contractor.

Some lane closures and localized congestion are expected during construction.

- **2015 Art in the Alley Project**

Earlier this year, Marion was awarded a \$350,000 ArtPlace America grant to bring life, vitality and art to Uptown Marion alleys. It also includes infrastructure improvements to the alleys between 10th and 11th Streets and 7th and 8th Avenues. The City will match the grant money with \$315,000 of Bond Funding for some of the associated infrastructure improvements.

Project construction will include the installation of new paving surface, lighting, drainage systems, art, and aesthetic enhancements. The Project Committee met recently to discuss opportunities to reduce the cost of the project. Staff has received an extension of the grant through 2016 and will prepare the project for a fall bid letting that will provide for construction in 2016.

- **Central Corridor Project (26th Street to 31st Street) - Hall and Hall Engineers, \$383,000**

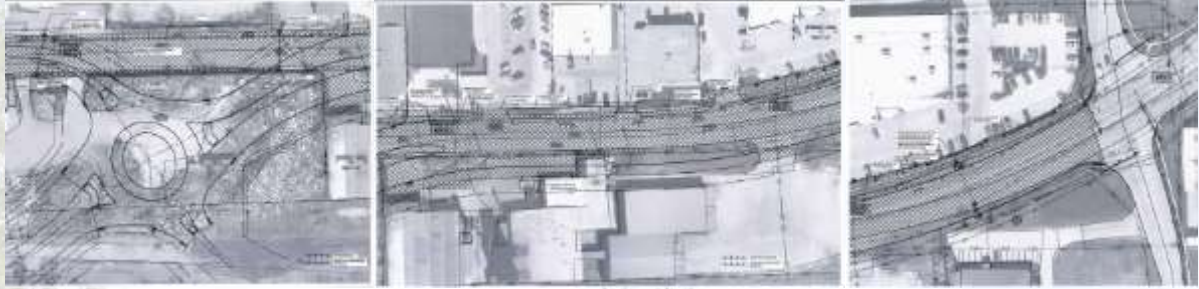
The project will include the reconstruction of the Central Corridor Project from 26th Street to 31st Street including the roundabout near the old Marion Iron Site connecting 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue.

On August 6, 2015 City Council will consider a resolution approving 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 \$364,318.30.

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

The Stage I contract will include the construction of sanitary sewers, clearing and grubbing, and other associated items required to perform the construction.

Late start date and working days/completion date will be set and controlled by the developer.



- **Tower Terrace Road Project – Phase V** – YTT Design Solutions, \$179,000

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 City has completed right-of-way acquisition of property east of the Linn-Mar property and west of Indian Creek.

The Linn-Mar School Board has rejected the agreement as previously proposed regarding right-of-way for Tower Terrace Road on the school's property east of 10th Street.

Project construction plans have been completed. The developer will now seek bids for the completion of the associated work.

Construction is still anticipated to begin late this summer and have limited impact to traffic.

- **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.

The City has begun the process for condemnation of right-of-way for this highly significant project. Per Section 354.4A of the Code of Iowa 7 day notice will be given to the property owner to allow for the surveying of the required acquisition.

Anderson-Bogert Engineers have now provided notice to the owners and proceeded with surveying for acquisition plats and preparation of construction plans for the project identifying existing and proposed profiles, horizontal alignment, utility conflicts, and storm sewers.

- **Indian Creek Trunk Sewer Replacement Project** - SM Hentges & Son's, Inc., \$2,754,758.59

The Indian Creek and Dry Run Creek Trunk Sanitary Sewer consists of approximately 16 miles of sanitary sewer ranging in size from 18-inches to 48-inches in diameter. The trunk sewer is multi-jurisdictional serving Linn County and the cities of Cedar Rapids, Marion, Hiawatha and Robins. The new sanitary sewer will provide additional capacity to accommodate present needs and future growth. The sanitary sewer will be constructed in multiple phases over a period of 15 plus years.

Segment 2, Phase 1 (South of Mt Vernon Road to Rosedale Road) – completed, \$3,939,164

Segment 2, Phase 2 (Rosedale Road to Wilder Road) - completed, \$2,064,993

Segment 2, Phase 3 (Wilder Road to east of East Post Road) - \$2,754,758.59

Construction has begun and is moving aggressively. City of Marion share estimated to be \$843,000.

The City of Marion has completed the development of a 28E agreement for the construction of Segments 7 and 11. These include:

- a) From 36th Street Drive (east of) to approximately 300 feet north of Iowa Highway 100, approximately 6,393 lineal feet.

- b) From confluence Indian Creek and Dry Run Creek to approximately 700 feet north of the intersection of Alpine Road and West 14th Avenue, approximately 4972 lineal feet.

Each jurisdiction will now consider approval of the 28E Agreement. This is expected to take a couple months.

- **Collins Road Improvement Project**

The project will include the reconstruction of Collins Road by the City of Cedar Rapids which will need to acquire right-of-way and easements within the jurisdiction of Marion.

On Nov. 6, 2014 City Council approved designation of the City of Cedar Rapids as Marion's real estate and acquisition agent.

Cedar Rapids has met with each of the property owners and provided the easements and the offer packages. They are targeting June to get things completed with right-of-way when staff will move towards condemnation if needed. Most of the property owners are being compensated to make parking lot changes as needed to accommodate the proposed improvements. Parking lot modifications are expected to occur this summer or fall.

Staff has been working with Mid-American, Alliant, and Mediacom to relocate into a joint trench along the north side of Collins Road. This work is anticipated to get underway yet this year.

Project letting is planned for this winter and work to begin spring of 2016. The project will likely require two construction seasons.

- **Tower Terrace Road Project (C Avenue to Alburnett Road) - Anderson-Bogert Engineers**

The project, using Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) Regional Surface Transportation Program funding, includes the extension of Tower Terrace Road east from C Avenue to Alburnett Road. The construction will extend the typical cross section of the divided street with grass median, decorative lights, and trees.

The City of Cedar Rapids (Anderson-Bogert Engineers) continues topographic survey and data collection along the corridor.

The project is in very preliminary stages and will proceed slowly towards construction. Preliminary schedule development includes over 18 months of environmental clearances and right-of-way acquisitions.

- **2014 Miscellaneous Sidewalk Inspection Program**

This every other year program (even calendar years) includes the evaluation of public sidewalks in approximately half of Marion for code compliance and to notify adjacent owners to correct deficiencies.

In 2014 staff inspected an area roughly south of Marion Boulevard/7th Avenue west of 10th Street, and south of McGowan Boulevard east of 10th Street.

Staff continues with the inspection of repaired sidewalks and has documented **97 percent** of all deficient properties (540) have repaired their sidewalks per City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 141. Of the 9 violations remaining, the City Attorney continues legal action and forced repairs.

In 2016 staff will inspect an area roughly north of Marion Boulevard/7th Avenue west of 10th Street, and north of McGowan Boulevard east of 10th Street.

- **Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS)**

Engineering staff have begun the process for the adoption of the Statewide Urban Design and Specifications (SUDAS) with the intent is to replace the locally developed design and construction standards (Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area Design Standards and Specifications) with standards developed, accepted, and maintained statewide in Iowa.

Staff are reviewing and documenting any substantial differences between the two manuals and preparing Special Provisions to provide for transition from the existing to the proposed.

Once an internal review of the documents has been completed a series of public meetings will be held to obtain public input.

SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT

Staff provides inspection for the development of all subdivisions within the city limits. This work begins with construction plan review and includes field quality control for storm and sanitary sewers, drintile, portland cement concrete maturity, grade, air content, slump (water content) and pavement thickness. Current locations are as follows:

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

Location: East side 35th Street

Punch list items remain (small miscellaneous cleanup items).

Authors 4th Addition -

Location: East side 35th Street

Plans reviewed and comments back to Engineer.

Bowman Meadows Unit 36 - Rathje Construction, E & F Paving

Location: Brookfield Drive and Hawks Ridge Lane extensions south of East Robins Road

Pavement construction has been completed. Intake throats and box-out construction continues.

The Commons at English Glen 3rd Addition -

Location: Extensions of English Glen Ave and Sherwood Drive NE of 29th Ave and 35th Street

Sanitary sewer installation has been completed. Water main construction has started.

Country Club Estates 10th Addition - Rathje Construction, City Wide

Location: Extensions of W Williams Drive and Bent Creek Drive to Irish Drive

Pavement construction preparation has begun.

Country Club Estates 11th Addition - Rathje Construction, City Wide

Location: Eastview Avenue extension to Irish Drive

Location: Extensions of W Williams Drive and Bent Creek Drive to Irish Drive

Gemstone Estates 1st Addition - Rathje Construction, E & F Paving

Location: North of Tower Terrace Road and west of 35th Street

Punch list items remain (small miscellaneous cleanup items).

Gemstone Estates 2nd Addition - Rathje Construction, E & F Paving

Location: North of Tower Terrace Road and west of 35th Street

Water main being installed where sanitary was installed with previous project.

Hunters Field 9th Addition – Pirc Tobin Construction

Location: Extension of Elderton Drive

Storm sewer work continues.

Hunters Field 10th Addition - Pirc Tobin Construction

Location: Extension of Foxborough

Storm sewer work continues.

Nottingham Hills 8th Addition - Rathje Construction, City Wide

Location: Extension of Prescott Lane south of East Robins Road

Most of paving on the site was completed last week.

Prairie Hill 16th Addition -

Location: Prairie Hill Drive extension to 29th Avenue

Plans reviewed and comments back to Engineer.

Prairie Trail 1st Addition - Rathje Construction, E & F

Location: West of Alburnett Road adjacent to Oak Park Circle

Watermain and sanitary sewer construction continues.

Siex 1st Addition - Rathje Construction, E & F

Location: East side of Highway 13, south of east Kacena Avenue

Plans reviewed and comments back to Engineer.

Squaw Creek Meadows 6th Addition - Rathje Construction, E & F

Location: South of Grand Avenue and west of 31st Street.

Ready to be accepted by Council.

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

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

Pavement construction preparation has begun.

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 August 6, 2015 City Council approved a resolution regarding the establishment of a “No Parking” zone on the south side of Second Avenue from 2400 Second Ave. to 27th Street.**

TAC has reviewed the request for establishing “No Parking” zone on one side of Second Avenue from 2400 Second Ave. to 27th Street and finds some benefit to the request. Council has also in the past showed a support for the establishment of “No Parking” on one side of residential streets.

Staff will notify all adjacent property owners regarding the request and provide for public input at a future Council Meeting.



- **On August 6, 2015 City Council approved a resolution regarding the establishment of “No Parking Here to Corner” on the west side of 13th Street from 8th Avenue to 80’ north.**

TAC has reviewed the request for establishing parking space on 13th Street for property located at 1308 8th Avenue and finds the following:

- The property at 1308 8th Avenue is an established business on property zoned O-1, Office/Transitional.
- Businesses in this zoning are required to provide adequate off-street parking for their customers.
- Current conditions provide for approximately four parking stalls on-site.
- 8th Avenue adjacent to the property is posted no parking on both sides.
- 13th Street is posted no parking on the east side and north from 8th Avenue approximately 125’ on the west side to allow for the south bound traffic to approach the intersection safely.
- Approximately 16’ of parking is provided on the west side of 13th Street adjacent to the business.
- The west side no parking zone could be reduced to 80’ to provide additional parking (60’) and still provide southbound traffic safe approach.
- TAC recommends reduction of the “No Parking to Corner” zone to 80’ establishing additional parking space on the west side of 13th Street for property located at 1308 8th Avenue.



- **On August 6, 2015 City Council approved a resolution regarding the establishment of a “No Parking” zone on the south side of 3rd Avenue from 130’ east to 310’ east of 22nd Street.**

TAC has reviewed the request for establishing “No Parking” zone on 3rd Avenue between 2233 3rd Avenue and 2301 3rd Avenue and finds the following:

- 3rd Avenue has 25' wide pavement.
- 3rd Avenue is posted "No Parking" on the north side.
- 3rd Avenue is posted "No Parking" on the south side in 2 short areas.

TAC has reviewed the request for establishing "No Parking" zone on 3rd Avenue between 2233 3rd Avenue and 2301 3rd Avenue and finds some benefit to the request this close to the intersection with 22nd Street.

Staff will notify all adjacent property owners regarding the request and provide for public input at a future Council Meeting.



- **On August 6, 2015 City Council approved a motion to receive and file and concur with TAC report regarding a request for "Deer Crossing" signs on North 10th Street north of Linn Mar High School (Shelley Jilek, 4058 Bruce Road).**

TAC has reviewed the request and finds that the City of Marion has not provided "Deer Crossing" signs previously and does not find significant benefit in doing so in a low speed zone.

TAC recommends no change at this time.

- **On August 6, 2015 City Council approved a resolution regarding the installation of Bike Boulevard Signs (12) on Geode Street and 3rd Street (staff initiated).**

Staff proposes the installation of Bike Boulevard Signs (12) on Geode Street and 3rd Street per the Marion Master Trails Plan adopted by City Council on July 24, 2014.



OTHER COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

- **On August 6, 2015 City Council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 157 of the Code of Ordinances related to Storm Water Utility. FINAL consideration.**

Marion's Storm Water Utility (SWU) is based on the Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) where ERU represents 2,791 square feet of impervious surface area.

Currently Marion's Storm Water Utility Fee is \$1.55 / ERU / Month and each Parcel or Property is charged an Administrative Fee (AF) of \$3.25 / Month.

All property owners in Marion receive a SWU Fee, either on their water bill, if they receive a bill for city services, or as an invoice from the Marion Finance Department.

Monthly fees are determined based as follows:

- All Residential properties are charged for one ERU, regardless of how much impervious surface on their parcel, plus an AF of \$3.25.
- All Non-residential parcels are determined solely by impervious surface areas, and are therefore charged a SWU fee based on that determined area, plus an AF of \$3.25.

Marion's current maximum monthly SWU fee for non-residential parcels is \$133.71. The amount was selected to be consistent with the maximum fee charged by the City of Cedar Rapids, which is based on entire parcels size and not ERU.

On July 1, 2014, the City of Cedar Rapids amended their Storm Water Utility to include an across the board 2.5% increase, as well as adding an additional tier to the fees for non-residential parcels. The current maximum monthly SWU charge for non-residential parcels in Cedar Rapids is now \$156.80.

The Cedar Rapids FY15 amendment provides for the opportunity/necessity to review our Storm Water Utility Rates.

To provide consistency in the metropolitan area regarding Storm Water Utility rates, staff is recommending an across-the-board increase of 2.5% for all storm water utility fees and an increase of the maximum fee for non-residential parcels from \$133.71 to \$156.80.

The proposed increases are also in response to increasing state and federal regulations and will support storm sewer inspection, cleaning, maintenance/repair, public education and administrative costs associated with storm water management. Funds will also support practices and projects to help improve water quality.

A 2.5% increase would establish a new ERU Rate of \$1.59 / month, and an Administrative Fee (AF) of \$3.33 / Month (Total of \$4.92).

- Residential SWU fees would increase from \$4.80 per month to \$4.92 per month.
- Most non-residential properties would see a SWU fee increase of less than \$1 per month.

There are 13 parcels that would be affected by an increase in the proposed maximum SWU fee. These are the parcels with the largest amount of impervious surface area such as Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee, Linn-Mar High School, Collins Plaza, and the manufactured home neighborhoods.

- **On August 6, 2015 City Council approved a motion regarding deferral of sanitary sewer hookup fees for Outlot A, Country Club Estates 11th Addition (Todd Frazier, CCE, LLC).**

Country Club Estates 11th Addition is located on the east side of Irish Drive north of Tower Terrace Road and includes the extension of Eastview Avenue. Outlot A is a 1 acre parcel located on the east side of Country Club Estates 11th Addition and adjacent to the Shady Oak Drive right of way.

The storm water management fee for Outlot A is \$400/acre x 1 acre = \$400.00.

The sanitary sewer hook-up fee for Outlot A is \$720.32.

See breakdown as follows:

Ordinance 02-23 States a 5% increase from 2002 to present
Ordinance 01-38 Mulberry Ridge Sanitary Sewer District, 21st
Original Residential cost = \$42.00/acre
2015 -2002 = 13 years of interest
2015 Residential cost = \$42 x (1+.05) ^ (13)

\$79.20/acre
Ordinance 02-07 Linn-Mar Sanitary Sewer District
Original Residential cost = \$340.00/acre
2015 – 2002 = 13 years of interest
2015 Residential cost = $\$340.00 \times (1+0.05)^{13}$
\$641.12/acre

Total Sanitary Sewer Hookup fee = $\$79.20 + \$641.12 = \$720.32$

The property will not be available for development and therefore in need of sanitary sewer service, Staff recommends approval of the deferral of the Sanitary Sewer Fee.

Stormwater fees have been typically paid on all properties dedicated to the City during platting.

Staff recommends no deferral on those stormwater fees as requested.

Staff recommends approving deferral of sanitary sewer hookup fees for Outlot A, Country Club Estates 11th Addition (Todd Frazier, CCE, LLC).

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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