

JOHNSTON CITY COUNCIL  
Worksession No. 16-15 Minutes  
Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road  
August 1, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dierenfeld called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Clabaugh, Lindeman, Temple  
Absent: Cope, Brown

3. DISCUSS BIOSWALE ON NW BEAVER DRIVE AT KALDENBERG LANDSCAPING

Public Works Director Cubit introduced the item, recapping a conversation from approximately four years ago when designing Beaver Drive. Cubit stated that the property owner is not in favor of the concept. Chad Mason with HR Green discussed the project and technical rationale – it is sustainable “green” infrastructure that will allow for more saturation of water and less runoff, along with eliminating some sediment. The native vegetation is doing well. There were complaints from the property owner in reference to the weeds, and Public Works has been addressing that issue. The property owner believes the bioswale reflects poorly on his property. However, it is functioning as intended and it can take several years to get established. The consensus is to re-evaluate after all the vegetation is fully established. Council Member Lindeman agrees the project is addressing water quality. He suggested educational signage and to be used as a tool for business. Cubit stated that signage has started at Casey’s. Council Member Temple stated that this is an important step in the City’s overall stormwater management plan and concurred that educational signs will be of help. City Administrator Jim Sanders asked for an update on the north stormwater issues. Cubit provided some insight on the Country Ridge and Orchard projects. The west property owner enjoys the benefits of the improvements while the east neighbor does not see the benefit at this time. They are both still not fully established. Mayor Dierenfeld stated that communication up front is very important. Cubit noted that there has been and will continue to be meetings with the property owners and reiterated the 5-year growing cycle for project maturity.

4. FAIR MARKET VALUE FINDINGS – EAST OF MERLE HAY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE III- NW 54<sup>th</sup> COURT

Cubit provided an update on the reception of the Fair Market Value findings from the appraiser for the NW 54<sup>th</sup> Court area. The appraisal values a single family lot at the low end of \$1.43 and the high end of \$3.43 and essentially the area being discussed is equivalent to a single family lot. For NW 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in 2014, it was at \$1.05 on the low end and in 2015 it was at \$1.54. We will bring this agenda item back to Council at a Council meeting in the future for some firm direction for property owner discussions / negotiations. We need to determine where our temporary construction easements will be needed and in the next month or so bring information back to Council for further direction.

Mayor Dierenfeld asked for City Administrator / Council Member updates and reports. Sanders stated that he did not have anything additional at this time. Council Members did not have any updates either. Mayor Dierenfeld mentioned a dinner scheduled for Thursday night (Dutch Treat); invitation came from Lt. Colonel of the National Guard with an individual from Kosovo. Our two police officers who will be travelling to Kosovo have been invited as well.

Mayor Dierenfeld also mentioned Sundae in the park this weekend and Library Director Melton provided information / update.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Paula S. Dierenfeld, Mayor

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Cyndee Rhames, City Clerk