

SPECIAL ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

The Special Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Kreft.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kreft, Griep, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan

Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Jaunich, City Attorney Arneson, City Engineer Hawbaker, Kurt Menk, High Island Creek Watershed Members: Calvin Schrupp, Leonard Eibs, Verne Schlueter, Joel Wurscher

Mayor Kreft stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the permitting issues for the 2009 Improvement Project (Horseshoe Drive/Circle Lane) with the High Island Creek Watershed District.

Eibs introduced the Watershed members present and gave a brief history on the Watershed Board.

Mayor Kreft explained that the City had applied for a permit through the Watershed for the 2009 Improvement Project, which included a separator device and had been approved. Schrupp commented that he received a new (amended) permit application from the City. It had a 27" pipe going to the creek instead of a 30" pipe, and it did not contain a separator device. Mayor Kreft stated that because a portion of the project itself had changed, the City was reapplying for a permit. Engineer gave an update on the project, more specifically the storm water portion. Lengthy discussion was held on what options were available to the City for the current project and future projects. As a short-term solution for the current project, it was suggested to have a 12" pipe from the manhole to the creek. It was suggested that the City and Watershed should work together and partner up on applications for grant money for future projects.

Discussion was held on long term goals, such as ponds and possible locations for same. Mayor Kreft commented that the City was going to have Engineer Hawbaker do a feasibility study for cleaning up the old dump site so that a water retention pond could be put in. Attorney Arneson commented that he had spoken with several individuals at the State level about what is mandatory with regards to water retention. He believes that retention ponds and/or rain gardens will become mandatory in the future. He commented that it would be in everyone's best interest if some "guidelines and/or standardized specifications" were put together.

It was suggested that the City's Utility Committee, City Engineer and a couple members from the Watershed get together to discuss storm water outlets for future developments.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Vrklan, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the Special Council meeting at 6:15 pm.

City Administrator Matthew Jaunich

Mayor James Kreft