

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 23, 2008

Location: Huntington Building
Conference Room #105
900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Opening: Chairman Vance called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

In Attendance marked in bold

Members:

Dewaine Beisner

Todd Wilcox

Michael Daniels

Alec Farmer

Jerry Farris, Vice-Chair

Betty Shaw

John Street

Gene Vance, Chair

Jon Wilbanks

John Easley

Dennis Zolper

Officials & Staff:

Doug Formon - Mayor

Tony Thomas - Project Administrator

Erick Woodruff - Public Works Director

Otis Spriggs - Director of Planning & Zoning

Craig Light – Chief City Engineer

Michael Morris - Civil Engineer

Tracey Cooper - Secretary

Also in Attendance:

Travis Fischer

Terry Bare

Dean Massey

Jeannie Gillis

Jim Gillis

Drew Scurlock

Ray Herring

Teddy Hooton

Trey McKee

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS

Light began discussion of previously submitted comments (attached) on the Stormwater Drainage Manual . Light discussed adding a section to establish a buffer to get structures moved away from the floodway. He suggested a 25 ft. buffer. The buffer would allow the City room to work. There was a discussion by the group on platted lots and the adverse effect a buffer would cause. Light stated that the Board should set the buffer. Vance stated that they were comfortable with setting the buffer at 10 ft. and allowing appeals to the Board. Zolper motioned to require a 10 ft. buffer that will begin at the edge of the floodway as determined by the centerline of the ditch, subject to the Board approval of language. Street seconded. Roll was called. All voted aye.

Light stated that by law the City can not prohibit the placement of manufactured homes.

Light stated that Critical Care Facilities will be defined using the FEMA definition. It was suggested that all critical care facilities to be located outside of the 500-year floodplain. Zolper stated that the City should not be more stringent than the Federal Government.

Light suggested no parking in the floodway. Wilbanks ask if signage marking the area as a floodway would be an alternative. Zolper stated that this is another instance where FEMA allows it and the City wants to restrict it. He suggested that if a developer wants to put parking in a floodway, then the City will document it and the developer will assume all liability.

Light will add definitions of Substantial Improvement and Substantial Damage. Vance stated that if improvements were 50% or greater based on appraisal, then the entire structure would need to be brought into compliance. It was suggested that if the improvements were less than 50%, set a five (5) year single structure cumulative period. Light stated that lowering the threshold for substantial improvements would increase CRS points. Vance stated that the requirements are more than FEMA guidelines. Vance then suggested getting the ordinance passed and look at amending it at a later date to improve the CRS in the future.

Light stated that one comment stated that no special provisions have been established for existing subdivision lots or small tracts of land that were developed prior to the City's new drainage requirements. Light stated there are no special provisions and doesn't know if there should be. In-lieu contributions were discussed. The City cannot do in-lieu, districts have not been identified. Any appeals can be brought to the Board for consideration. Vance stated that the Board would be very fair on any appeal brought before them.

The final comments were concerning the pipe section of the manual. There was discussion on what type of pipe is used in City rights-of-way or easements. Light stated the City does not allow plastic pipe in the City rights-of-way or easements. Zolper stated that the City has the right to dictate what is in the City rights-of-way or easements. Light was asked to fix the verbiage of 2.4.2 to remove "under pavement".

Light agreed with the suggested changes to 2.4.3 and 2.4.5 of the Manual.

Zolper motioned. Street seconded. Roll was called. All voted aye.

Light was then asked to rewrite 2.4.2 (3) at the meeting because of the time issue of getting the manual in Legistar. Light's rewrite reads as follows:

(3) Pipe Material in City rights-of-way or easements shall conform to the following

minimum requirements:

- Roadway Crossings
 - RCP Class III or Class IV
 - ASTM C-76
 - ASTM C-506
 - ASTM C-507
 - Box Culverts and Small Bridges
 - ASTM C-1433
 - ASTM C-507
- Mains and Laterals
 - Aluminized Steel Type 2 Corrugated Steel Pipe
 - ASTM A-929
 - ASTM A-760
 - RCP Class III or Class IV
 - ASTM C-76
 - ASTM C-506
 - ASTM C-507
 - Box Culverts and Small Bridges
 - ASTM C-1433
 - ASTM C-507

Alternative pipe materials for use outside City rights-of-way or easements shall be approved by the City Engineer.

Street motioned. Wilcox second. Roll was called. All voted aye.

Wilcox asked that because of the time issue that the 10 ft. buffer previously voted on to be brought to the next meeting be resolved immediately. The language for the buffer is as follows:

(20) A minimum of a ten (10) foot buffer shall be placed between any structure and the floodway.

Wilcox motioned. Easley seconded. Roll was called. All voted aye.

The revised Stormwater Drainage Manual and the Ordinance will be put in Legistar for consideration at the next Public Works Committee meeting on November 6, 2008.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Vance adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.