

Agenda Report

July 15, 2013 City Council Meeting

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Item No. 10

ISSUE: \$250,000 GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH IA FINANCE AUTHORITY

A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for a grant not to exceed \$250,000 through the IA Finance Authority for stream bank stabilization at Walnut Creek

BACKGROUND:

In 2012 a Stormwater Assessment Plan was completed by the City. Within the plan, a visual creek assessment was conducted noting several areas of Walnut Creek that were rated in "poor" condition and eroding due to agricultural, urban development, and other pollutant loadings. Over time, the creek has widened and become straighter allowing a higher flow which leads to the erosion problem. The City has an opportunity to apply for a grant through the Iowa Finance Authority in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 with no matching funds required to help stabilize the creek banks. Possible improvements include native planting, installing rip-rap, and sloping of the banks. Project specifics for the creek stabilization will be further studied in order to determine best management practices to be used.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the resolution authorizing staff to apply for the funds

STAFF CONTACTS:

Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, City Administrator

Sheena Danzer, City Inspector/Zoning Administrator

CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS, IOWA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13-0748

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTATOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE URBANDALE-SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT FOR A STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT THROUGH THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Windsor Heights strives to provide high quality infrastructure, water quality, and flood protection for its residents;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to partner with the Urbandale-Windsor Heights Sanitary Sewer District for a Walnut Creek stream stabilization project;

WHEREAS, the City can apply for outside funding for projects to improve the watershed through the Iowa Finance Authority;

WHEREAS, grant applications are due by July 19th to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to apply for up to \$250,000 in grants, with no matching funds required;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS, that:

- 1) The City Council supports the health and sustainability of the Walnut Creek watershed;
- 2) The City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to execute an application on behalf of the Urbandale-Windsor Heights Sanitary Sewer District and the City of Windsor Heights requesting \$250,000 for funding for the project.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF July 2013.

David J. Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Fiegenschuh, City Administrator