



**City of Newport
Public Hearing Minutes for MS4 (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program)
June 7, 2012**

PUBLIC HEARING: MS4 (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program)

Mayor Geraghty opened the Public Hearing at 6:23 PM.

Bruce Hanson, Supt. of Public Works, presented on the 2012 Annual Report of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program to the Council.

In 1972; Federal legislation developed the Clean Water Act which is designed to protect all surface water in the United States. This includes Rivers, Ponds and Streams. This public hearing is part of an annual report that provides the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency with a summary of the City's status of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). The SWPPP is designed to minimize the discharge of pollutants out of the water. Most of Newport's Storm Water goes into the Mississippi River either directly or indirectly through a pond system. Water enters these ponds and the river through catch basins.

The Program is broken down into six categories:

1. Public education and outreach
The City publishes articles about this program in its newsletters and on its website to educate the residents.
2. Public participation
Public Works has begun applying stencils on storm drains that drain directly to the river.
3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination.
The City is always looking for things draining into the storm sewer that should not be there.
4. Construction site storm water runoff control
When construction is going on, Public Works staff makes sure that silt fences and control measures are in the proper place, and maintained
5. Post-construction storm water management in new development and redevelopment
Inspections are made to insure they are in compliance.
6. Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations
Public Works staff documents the specific areas that they sweep and then record the amounts of material that is picked up. This is then compared to the loads of product that is used for ice control and winter maintenance to the loads of material that are swept in the spring.

Mayor Geraghty closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 PM.

Councilman Gallagher – What would be the biggest thing that every homeowner can do to help out?

Superintendent Hanson - Watching your grass as to when you fertilize and when you mow. When you mow, make sure that the grass or leaves do not go into the catch basin.

John Stewart – Unfortunately once it's in the system it's stuck in there.

Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Sumner, to accept the 2012 Annual Report. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Motion by Ingemann, seconded by Gallagher, to adjourn the Public Hearing meeting at 6:29 PM. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Tim Geraghty, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

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