

LAKE/AIRPORT COMMITTEE

January 12, 2012

MEMBERS

Alderman Vota  
Alderman Lawrence  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Walters

ALSO PRESENT

Lake Superintendent Jackson  
Airport Manager Newberry  
Alderman Koonce  
Rich Payne  
Bev Morrison

Mayor Brotherton  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Heberling  
Steve Craggs

Chairman Vota called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

EASEMENT AGREEMENT

A Special City Council Meeting was held on October 27, 2011 at which time Steve Craggs and Rich Payne requested an easement from the City for landlocked property they are purchasing. The 118 acres is North and Northwest from the mulch pile at Lake Taylorville and contiguous to where the City will be harvesting trees. They requested a temporary easement 800' long and 70' wide on City property for access and to run power lines and any future utility service.

Mr. Craggs handed out a revised agreement with several changes and additions. The temporary easement for ingress and egress and installing utility service to Mr. Payne's property was changed from 180 days to 24 months and Mr. Payne agrees to allow the City to utilize his property to expand the Youth Hunting Program. Also, Mr. Payne will exchange an equal portion of property for the easement property currently owned by the City which would make it a permanent easement after Mr. Payne purchases the property. The property exchange will give Mr. Payne a road so he will not be landlocked. In the exchange, the City will be exchanging 1.1 acres for an 18 foot strip of land 2,650 feet long.

Alderman Dorchinecz asked who is providing the rock for the road and if the City exchanges land City Code requires it be equal value not equal square feet, and also the City property is not described. Mayor Brotherton explained that will be in the next agreement.

Rich Payne said you could consider the property equal value because he will be letting the harvesters for the City cross the river with trees from City property that they would have had a very hard time getting to and will allow for a potential larger profit margin for the City.

Alderman Vota asked who will absorb the cost, survey fees and legal fees for the exchange; the City should not. Alderman Burtle stated there is too much happening too fast in this agreement. The City should just grant the easement for now and after Mr. Payne purchases the property, then we should discuss the exchange of land. Alderman Heberling feels Mr. Payne should pay for the rock if it is needed and the septic and wells in the agreement should not be addressed at this time; the original purpose was to get access. Many are concerned that if this agreement is signed they will not have to abide by City Code.

Members present decided to bring the matter to a vote so it could be brought to Council on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Both parties will meet before the 17<sup>th</sup> to address matters discussed above looking for a resolution.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Lawrence to recommend to the City Council to approve the Temporary Easement Agreement as presented. Motion carried 3-1.

### **LAKE LOT & CAMPGROUND LEASES**

The Committee reviewed the revised copies of the Lake Lot and Campground Leases after changes approved at the December 19<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Lawrence to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending section 7-3-8-D of the City Code changing “quiet hours” at Lake Taylorville from twelve o’clock midnight (12:00) P.M. to six o’clock (6:00) A.M. to eleven o’clock (11:00) P.M. to six o’clock (6:00) A.M. Motion carried 4-0.

### **LAKE EMERGENCY PHONE**

On October 12, 2011 a licensing inspection of Lake Taylorville Campground was conducted by the Illinois Department of Public Health to determine compliance with the Campground Licensing and Recreational Area Act. The violations reported were lack of a 24 hour emergency phone (with directions to the nearest hospital) for the Overnight Camping area and failure to store all firewood off the ground in the Campgrounds. It was noted that these are repeat violations.

Committee members are concerned that if a phone is installed it will be subjected to vandalism as in the past. Superintendent Jackson will make inquiries as to what is required of the City.

### **FIREWOOD-CAMPGROUNDS**

The Committee addressed the Public Health violation concerning firewood not stored off the ground in the leased Campground Area. Superintendent Jackson will contact the Department of Public Health regarding this violation.

### **LAKE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Jackson reported that the electrical upgrade at the office, shower, shop and lift station has been completed. The problems with the dam inspection have been addressed.

### **TIPS PROJECT PRIORITIES**

Airport Manager Newberry presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIPS) for 2013-2017 for the member’s approval. The 2013 project is to construct, light, and mark an extension to Runway 18/36 so larger aircraft can take-off and land at the airport. The project will be funded by using the remainder of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Entitlement and a portion by the State Local Program funding. These projects can be re-prioritized from year to year. Manager Newberry will submit the plan to IDA.

### **AIRPORT MANAGER’S REPORT**

#### **Bid for Farmland**

Bids for Airport and Lake Farmland will be advertised next week.

#### **Circle Steel Hangar Roof**

Minor repairs were made on the Circle Steel Hangar Roof by the roofing contractor at no cost to the City as there is a 10 year warranty.

Hangar Electrical

The Hangar Electrical was completed on January 6, 2012. The Fire Department did a walk through inspection. Four hangar lessees have had their electrical meters activated in their names.

**ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Airport Manager Newberry informed the Committee that he will have to purchase and have installed fuel filters on the gas tanks at a cost of approximately \$1,600.00 soon.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Lawrence to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

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Martin Vota, Chairman