

LAKE/AIRPORT COMMITTEE  
September 18, 2013

MEMBERS

Alderman Vota  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Larry Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent Jackson  
Airport Manager Newberry  
Alderman Jones  
Bev Morrison  
Jon Mericle  
Dave Jamison  
Don Dennison  
Bryan/Julie Budwine  
Ray Armes  
David/Natalie Blevins  
Jack Tips

Mayor Brotherton  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Heberling  
Larry Laker  
Andy Lasswell  
John Estes  
Clint Barlow  
Josephine Ushmann  
Mike Forbes  
John Paine  
Terry Wright

Chairman Vota called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Lake Marina.

**STORM WATER DISCHARGE APPLICATION/POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN**

The Committee resumed discussion on the IEPA's letter regarding the Storm Water Discharge Application and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan which was tabled from the August 8<sup>th</sup> Lake/Airport Committee Meeting. At that time an engineer in the audience felt it would cost \$12,000.00-\$15,000.00 to create the plan which may need a survey and an EPA Permit. Airport Manager Newberry contacted Springfield and Jacksonville Airports and they agreed an engineer was needed. He feels we should file the application and discuss later what to do about the Pollution Prevention Plan. It was felt that CMT or perhaps Hanson Engineering would have some of the surveying data from other airport projects.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct Airport Manager Newberry to file the IEPA's Notice of Intent for Stormwater Discharge Application for the Taylorville Municipal Airport. Motion carried 4-0.

The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan will be placed on next month's agenda.

**REMOVAL OF UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS**

A discussion was held with Larry Laker, of Laker Petroleum and Jon Mericle, of KAM Solutions, in an attempt to bring closure to the Underground Fuel Tank Removal Project at the Airport. Jon Mericle again explained issues with the site corrective action plan in which the EPA said some items were not budgeted for, amended budgets were submitted and some engineering fees were not approved. The tank pull was not approved due to the extra cubic yards of fill removed by Laker. Laker explained some items were not approved because the EPA had Laker listed as owner and operator of the fuel tanks. (They now agree that he is not.)

Jon Mericle said they must now resubmit these items in an amended budget. The asphalt resurfacing was not approved, so he showed copies of the bid and asphalt resurfacing site plan (which he was not directed to prepare), stating it will take four to six weeks to have the bid approved.

His figures were approximately \$22,000.00. Airport Manager Newberry presented a bid from Lowes Sealcoating for asphalt and the S. & S. Fencing quote for under \$10,000.00.

Larry Laker said he has not received any payments and feels the City owes him \$57,358.29 for his involvement in the removal of the tanks and an additional \$6,617.46 (for EPA not paying his labor as they had him listed as owner and operator of the fuel tanks).

The Committee discussed Airport Manager Newberry's request to get the asphalt and fencing done without the new bid Mr. Mericle has prepared. They feel Jon Mericle's engineering for the asphalt may be reimbursed through Manager Newberry's plan.

It was suggested that the Mayor contact Senator Manar, Congressman Davis, and Representative Rosenthal to meet with a representative of the IEPA concerning this issue.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct Airport Manager Newberry to proceed with the asphalt and fence restoration in association with the Underground Fuel Tank Removal Project at the Taylorville Municipal Airport at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 to be billed by Laker Petroleum, the City pay Laker, and Laker pay Lowes and S. & S. Fencing, then the City will seek reimbursement from EPA. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Vota stated City Attorney Romano will review Mr. Laker's request for payment.

### **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **AWOS**

A \$40,000.00 upgrade to the AWOS will be done in October at no cost to the city.

#### **TIP'S Meeting**

The TIP'S Meeting will be held Friday, October 11, 2013 at the IDA office in Springfield.

#### **October Meetings**

The Lake/Airport and Water/Environmental Meetings will be held at the Airport in October.

### **ONE LAKE LOT OR CAMPGROUND PER NAME**

Lake Superintendent Jackson is requesting that in the future a person can have only one Lake Lot or Campground in order to give others a chance.

Motion by Alderman Walters to allow only one lake lot or campground per person and only allow to show ownership of one with current renters grandfathered in. No second was made.

The evident subleasing of lots and campgrounds at the Lake was discussed. Alderman Dorchinecz feels the lease should last only one year. This will be placed on the agenda this fall.

### **LAKE DREDGING DISCUSSION**

The request to dredge Lake Taylorville in exchange for Lake property was tabled.

### **PROPERTY LEASE NEAR NOKOMIS ROAD**

Clint Barlow came before the Committee requesting permission to rent low timbered City property South of the Micenheimer Sale Barn on the West side of Nokomis Road.

Alderman Dorchinecz stated after renting City Lake property to Rick Champley last year the City was to look at making more money on leasing land. Money is being made all over the country on rental of this type of land to hunters. It was stated that most residents don't know they have the opportunity to rent this type of land. Superintendent Jackson suggested putting it out for bid.

Mr. Barlow stated if he were allowed to rent the area this year he would offer a youth deer hunt at the Tornado Open Auction with all proceeds going to the Tornado Open. He will also offer a Youth Turkey Hunt for the JFL Quarterback Club Auction.

Mayor Brotherton brought up the matter of City liability.

As hunting season is coming up soon Mr. Barlow would rather not put the request off until next month.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to enter into an agreement with Clint Barlow to lease two parcels of City of Taylorville property South of the Micenheimer Sale Barn on the West side of Nokomis Road for two years at a fee of \$20.00 per acre with Barlow paying all attorney fees and supplying the City with an appropriate Certificate of Insurance. Motion carried 4-0.

### **DUCK HUNTERS RULE CHANGE**

The duck hunters rule change will be removed from the agenda as there was no one in the audience to address the issue.

### **MARINA OFFICE UPGRADES**

A supply company representative of a local heating/cooling/plumbing company spoke to the Committee of needs at the Lake Marina Building. Alderman Budd suggested that specs be developed for the heating and cooling, electrical, and roofing and be bid as one project. Anyone interested in bidding the project must come to a PreBid Meeting and only those present at the Prebid Meeting will be allowed to bid the project.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct Superintendent Jackson to prepare a Scope of the Project and pursue bids for HVAC and all associated electrical upgrades, water heater installation, and roofing for the Lake Marina Building. Motion carried 4-0.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Jackson reported that his crew has been mowing and removing trees.

Dredging has started on Locust Creek.

The Laundry Room is now open.

## **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

### Campground Issues

Julie Budwine, who leases Campground 1, Lot 2, addressed the Committee regarding issues at the Lake. She stated she will be giving up the lot due to verbal abuse and threats from other campers, and issues with the rules for the leasing of empty lots. She presented a five page letter to the Mayor and Aldermen with a request for a refund.

Ray Armes, fiancé of Josephine Ushman, who leases Campground 4, Lot 10, also spoke of issues at the Lake including golf cart safety and issues with the dumpsters.

The Lake Lot and Campground Lease issues will be placed on the next several agendas.

### Optimist Request For Concession Stand/Restroom on Lake Taylorville Property

Terry Wright, representing the Optimist Club, addressed the Committee with plans and designs for building a concession stand with restrooms in an area either on the east or west side of Lake Drive between the Bike Trail and Lake Shore Drive. That area is in Pana's Right of Way and they have given their blessing for the project. The proposed 20 foot x 30 foot building would be manned by volunteers and would shut down in the winter. This will be placed on next month's agenda.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

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Martin Vota, Chairman