

LAKE/AIRPORT COMMITTEE  
February 13, 2014

MEMBERS

Alderman Vota  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent Jackson  
Airport Manager Newberry  
Treasurer Nation  
Scott & Laura House  
Mark Coady  
Barry Oller  
Larry Laker  
Kent & Ross Metzger  
Bev Morrison

Mayor Brotherton  
Alderman Heberling  
Superintendent Speagle  
Bill Baird  
Mike Coady  
Jonathon Coady  
Doug Hughes  
Tom Lacy

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

ANY OTHER MATTERS

BIDDING OF LAKE PROPERTY FOR HUNTING

At the November 14, 2013 Lake/Airport Committee Meeting, the Committee discussed possibly allowing hunting on other City Lake Property by accepting bids. Chairman Vota explained that the matter of leasing private property will be forwarded to the City Attorney for his opinion to see if there may be any legal concerns. The matter will be placed on the next agenda. He then opened the floor to the public.

A number of those present had signed a petition in opposition to the City opening a specific Lake property to bid for hunting. Objections were the City has not surveyed the areas, roads are wrong, there are more houses than the map shows, and adjacent land owners have not been contacted. They were told that the idea and the map were only preliminary. Chairman Vota asked Mr. Tom Lacy, one of the property owners and a lawyer, if he was representing those in the audience. He stated he was not at this time.

Chairman Vota stated only two of the twenty-six signatures on the petition were City Residents yet the others are trying to tell us how to do City business. When it was confirmed by those in the audience that there are deer stands on City property and why do we allow it, they were told we do not have enough officers to patrol the City much less rural property. Chairman Vota asked why they did not report the stands if they knew that they were illegal.

Mark Coady will notify those interested when the matter will be discussed again.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR LAKE DAM

Lake Superintendent Jackson presented a draft Emergency Action Plan for the Lake Dam. Fire Chief Crews has been working on this project in an effort to save the City money. This project is required to be completed by end of 2014.

### SET DATE FOR YOUTH TURKEY HUNT-SHOTGUN ONLY

Chairman Vota requested that a motion to allow Youth Turkey Hunt-Shotgun Only on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for the 2014 Season be placed on the February 18, 2014 City Council Agenda.

### BID CABIN CLEANING

Chairman Vota requested that a motion to seek bids for Cabin Cleaning at the Lake be placed on the February 18, 2014 City Council Agenda.

### LAKE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Jackson reported that the Lake Marina Office remodeling is 75% completed.

The logging contract has expired but Superintendent Jackson will contact them to address several issues that according to the contract they must address.

### SOUTH HANGAR WATER ISSUES

Mike Coady rents an older hangar at the Airport and when it rains or snows in the colder weather, ice sometimes forms in his hangar. Other hangars have the same issues. Airport Manager Newberry looked at the area and suggested replacing seals on the bottom of the doors or possibly a trench drain.

A motion to allow Airport Manager Newberry to get estimates for replacing the seal on the South Hangar Doors and to look into adding trench grates to the TIP Program will be placed on the February 18, 2014 City Council Agenda.

Mike Coady commended Airport Manager Newberry on keeping the runway cleared of snow.

### CLOSING GRASS RUNWAY

Since the City used a grant to get the Segmented Circle (which is mandatory when you have two runways going the same direction), if we decide now that we do not want the grass runway and therefore not need the Segmented Circle, we would have to pay a portion of the money (approximately \$11,564.12) back to the Illinois Department of Aeronautics. Again pilots in the audience stated that they do not want to get rid of the grass runway. Mayor Brotherton cautioned giving up something we already have, and having to pay to give it up. Airport Manager Newberry will research how much the City would have to pay back and when the funds would be required to be paid back. The matter will be placed on the next agenda.

### AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

#### Rehabilitate North Portion of the Aircraft Parking Apron

Bill Newberry has a copy of the plans for the Rehabilitation of the North Portion of the Aircraft Parking Apron which Chairman Vota and Alderman Walters are reviewing.

#### Taxiway Extension

The taxiway extension project is scheduled to start in April or May.

#### EAA Fly-In & Drive-in Breakfast

According to Bill Baird, EAA Club President, they will only hold three breakfasts this year due to lack of member participation. They are scheduled for May, July and September.

### AIRPORT UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK ISSUE

Larry Laker of Laker Petroleum Services presented a letter addressed to the Mayor, Airport Committee, Chairman and City Attorney, requesting a letter from the City stating their services are no longer needed. Until that is done, Laker Petroleum Services (LPS) will not agree to a release, contract or any agreement that contains any verbiage that the City is not obligated to pay LPS for any unpaid invoices to the City that have been denied by the IEPA LUST Division.

Mayor Brotherton advised Mr. Laker that City Attorney Romano had made multiple attempts to reword an agreement that would protect the City but allow for additional required submissions to be made to the IEPA however Laker Petroleum or KAM Solutions would not sign the agreement. Mr. Kent Metzger stated that he had been in communications with the IEPA and they had reversed their stand on several items and would now approve them.

Chairman Vota asked Mr. Laker if the \$35,000 in question was related to removal of soil that had not been approved by the IEPA. Mr. Lake confirmed that it was for the additional yardage of soil that was removed over the 4 foot rule. Any soil removed that exceeded the 4 foot rule had not been approved for IEPA reimbursement. Chairman Vota then suggested that this issue not be discussed at this time but instead have Laker Petroleum, KAM and the City meet with their attorneys present.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Walters to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

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Martin Vota, Chairman