

LAKE/AIRPORT COMMITTEE

February 13, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Budd
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Airport Manager Newberry
Lake Superintendent Bialas
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Olive
Kellie Hamell

Rod & Lisa Sheedy
Chrissy Tellor
David Copenbarger
Shirley Sams
Owen Lasswell

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.

LENGTH OF BOAT DOCKS

Dave Copenbarger was in attendance; he is building a new home at the lake and is requesting to build a 40-foot boat dock. The City Code has a 25-foot restriction. Chairman Dorchinecz contacted IDNR. The State does not restrict the length of boat docks; it is based on safety. He presented Mr. Copenbarger with an application to complete for the boat dock but advised nothing can be decided about the length of the boat docks until discussed with Attorney Romano. Chairman Dorchinecz stated this may be a situation where they could allow a longer boat dock depending on the circumstances and safety factors, but will depend on the City Attorney's recommendation.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BOAT DOCKS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the Application for Taylorville Building or Alteration Permit, along with the Ordinance. Motion carried 4-0

TENT CAMPING CHARGES

Alderman Skultety stated it is not fair to the people that pay for leases or the community to allow tent camping for \$5.00 a day, as they are allowed to use the facilities and shower at the Marina. The Committee agreed to increasing the tent camping fee, as the fees for the leases were just raised. Superintendent Bialas stated the cost has been \$5.00 for the seven years he has been working at the Lake; he does not know how long it has been at that cost.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the increase of tent camping charges from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a day, with funds going into the Lake Restoration Fund. Motion carried 4-0

REVENUE FOR DREDGING THE LAKE

Chairman Dorchinecz advised when the Water Department was figuring the cost of building the new Water Treatment Plant the IEPA only offered 20-year loans. Now they offer 30-year loans, so the Water Department should have some excess in the account. He is recommending that since the water comes from the Lake, the Water Fund should use some of the profit as seed money for the dredging of the Lake. Alderman Burtle, Chairman of the Water Department, advised they have to make sure there is enough money in the water fund to make the loan payments and he is not sure at this time what the excess will be as the project is not completed yet. Chairman Dorchinecz asked when the project will be completed; it is estimated to be complete April or May. He will readdress this issue at that time.

He is also recommending in the future if it becomes legal to sell recreational marijuana in the City of Taylorville, that the revenue from the sales tax be used for dredging of the lake.

CABINS-MAINTENANCE NEEDS

Chairman Dorchinecz, Superintendent Bialas, and the Mayor met with contractors to look at the cabins. There are four cabins and they need some maintenance done. The estimated cost is between \$20,000.00-\$25,000.00. Mayor Barry advised they need a lot of work and at least two should be wheel chair accessible; currently there is only one. Chairman Dorchinecz recommended using funds from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, as it is to be used for tourism. Alderman Budd advised this project was not in the budget. Mayor Barry advised there will still be funds available after paying what is already committed.

Alderman Burtle stated in the past, there was documentation provided outlining the project and the costs associated with the repairs. He is not against this project, but would like to be provided with information. He was advised they would contact the contractors and have information to present before the City Council.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to allow a maximum amount of \$25,000.00 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund for improvements of cabins at the Lake, contingent upon approval of the City Attorney and estimates received from the contractors. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW KEYLESS ENTRY ON CABINS

Superintendent Bialas will purchase 4 keyless entry keypads at Walmart at a cost of \$77.00 each for the cabins. He was advised to purchase the keypads now as the cost is low enough that it does not require approval from the Committee. The contractors that will be doing the work on the cabins can complete the installation.

LAKE SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Bialas reported he has had a crew from the prison helping for 3-hour periods three days a week with jobs his Department would not be able to get to, such as cleaning and cutting brush. They have been a big help. Mayor Barry stated he has talked with the Warden and he may get a second crew to help with the Lake and the Cemetery.

There are currently five areas for tents. Eric Adams had been working with the bobcat to clear an area where the chip pile was for tent camping which will be a better area than where it is located now.

M4000 CARD READER

The new M4000 card reader arrived on January 31,2020; Superintendent Newberry is coordinating the installation.

QT POD SERVICE AGREEMENT

The Committee asked Mr. Newberry to check if there is any time left on the old contract if it would be credited towards this agreement.

Motion by Alderman Budd and Seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to allow Airport Manager Newberry to renew the annual service agreement with QT POD, at a price not to exceed \$945.00 for the year. Motion carried 4-0.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether or not the Airport would be able to be self-sustaining like the Water Fund. Alderman Budd, Chairman of the Finance Committee had figures from the last five years showing the expenditures and revenues. The Airport does not have enough revenue to cover expenses. He has discussed this with auditor Iris Noblet-Crites, who has informed him the Airport is not a stand-alone fund.

AIRPORT MANAGERS REPORT

AWOS

The quarterly inspection was done on January 5, 2020. The AWOS passed the inspection after repairing a Weather Sensor setting.

Solar Energy Production

The month of January produced 818.8 KWH. This is approximately \$114.63 in electricity cost savings to the City. To date the solar panels have produced 193,121.8 KWH of electricity. This has saved the City approximately \$27,037.05 in electricity cost.

A microinverter had to be replaced on the solar panels January 27, 2020.

January Fuel Sales

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| Avgas- | 1037 gallons |
| Jet A | <u>479 gallons</u> |
| Total | 1516 gallons |

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Rod and Lisa Sheedy and Chrissy Tellor were in attendance to discuss having 2 campers on one lot. They gave their reasons for wanting two trailers on one lot and stated the City would make money. Mayor Barry advised this has been discussed but if two campers are allowed on one lot it could cause a situation in which the City could have open lots which would then be a decrease in revenue. Mr. Sheedy asked if this could be looked at case by case which they discussed earlier regarding boat docks. He stated he has had discussions with Superintendent Bialas, and Lake Patrol John Paine told him he did not have a problem with it. The Committee advised it would be hard to police to know who has and has not gotten permission. Mr. Sheedy suggested having a sticker located on each lot that would be easy for the Lake Patrol to see to help monitor. This issue will be discussed at the March meeting.

Alderman Budd, Mayor Barry, and Attorney Romano have been in discussions with Cobblestone Motels about building in Taylorville.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Burtle to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Lake/Airport Committee