

LAKE/AIRPORT COMMITTEE

April 8, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Budd
Alderman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Olive
Alderman Bryant
Superintendent Ortman

Superintendent Speagle

Tammy Rogers

Kellie Hamell

Steve Dorchinecz

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

AIRPORT REPORT

The Airport Report was given by Chairman Dorchinecz in the absence of HBO Goodall.

- TAZ-4842 letting date is April 23, 2021
- Solar Energy production was 2,316.4 kwh for March. One panel is in need of repair.
- CMT did an evaluation on truck access from the South, behind Cyde Enterprise
- Star Electric replaced a switch on Brandis hangar door. It is now operational.
- An update of landings/departures and fuel sales was given.

PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The purchase of Playground Equipment was discussed among Committee Members. All Members agree and would like to see this project completed.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to proceed with the purchase of the Playground Equipment as recommended by Superintendent Ortman at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00 with the money coming from the Fifth Ward upon approval from City Attorney Romano. If the money from the Fifth Ward cannot be used, the \$40,000.00 would be taken out of the Lake Restoration fund with a payment schedule being drawn up for \$10,000.00 per year pay back from the Hotel/Motel tax fund. Motion carried 4-0.

REVENUE FOR DREDGING OF THE LAKE

Chairman Dorchinecz advised the Committee that sooner or later, Lake Taylorville will need to be dredged. There is some money in the Lake Restoration Fund to continue on with this important project. In his opinion, there is no good reason to start spending this money to continue on with this project, until such time a revenue stream has been identified to support the work required to get the project to a "shovel ready" stage. By "shovel ready" he means to a point that it has been studied on what needs to be done, and a plan is in place for how to proceed with the actual removal of the silt. On April 8, 2019 he wrote a memo to Alderman Budd with a dozen ideas for him and the Finance Committee to consider implementing to provide "seed money" to continue the project of dredging of the lake. He has since added another idea to provide "seed money" revenue, and that idea was to have the Water Fund provide a revenue stream. The difference of the monthly payment required to pay off the IEPA loan when the loan was going to be for 20 years, and ended up with a loan for 30 years would easily provide the "seed money." The jury is still out on that idea. Chairman Dorchinecz requests documenting this idea, so that hopefully it will not be lost in the transition of the newly elected Council Members.

LAKE LOT AND CAMPGROUND IDENTIFICATION TAGS UPDATE

Superintendent Ortman presented pictures of the Identification Tags he would like to purchase for the Lake Lots and Campgrounds. He will obtain additional quotes and the topic will be re-visited at a later date.

BEACH EXPANSION UPDATE

The Beach Expansion is in progress, with some slowing due to heavy rain. Superintendent Ortman provided photos of the progress being made. He advised the biggest expense of the project will be the sand.

AWARD BID FOR 1997 PICKUP TRUCK

There was one bid received for the 1997 Pickup Truck. The bid was from Dennis Crowder for \$500.00.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to accept the bid for \$500.00 from Dennis Crowder for the 1997 Pickup truck. Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE OF SINGLE AXEL DUMP TRUCK

Alderman Budd advised the Committee that all trucks have been ordered. The pick-up trucks will be here by the end of September 2021, and the Dump Trucks will arrive in November 2021.

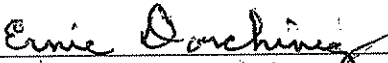
LAKE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ortman reported that as of March 15, 2021 all gates were opened. All roads were inspected and overhanging branches cut away. There is work being done on some waterlines around the Campgrounds. The mowers are being prepped for the upcoming mowing season.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Budd asked Chairman Dorchinecz about any updates on the \$45,000.00 payment from Drainage District Committee for the Esther and Wilkinson drainage issue. Chairman Dorchinecz advised that he will turn over any documentation he has pertaining to this issue. He also advised that a payment would not be able to be made until 2022, due to the Drainage District Committee's Attorney needing to make some changes to wording. Chairman Dorchinecz recommended that one of the Alderman continue to follow up to assure this gets done. Alderman Budd advised he has been attending meetings.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Burtle to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.


Ernie Dorchinecz, Chairman
Lake/Airport Committee