

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Monday, March 10, 2003 - 6:15 P.M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Barr, Nealis, Sevenich, Sowieja, Walther
ALSO PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Superintendent Krieski, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw, Airport Manager Pinney, Mayoral Assistant Gebert, Director Schrader, Director Gardner, Clerk Zdroik, Peggy Rentz, Keith Gerard, Jim Jensen, Captain Dowling, Fred Hopfensperger, Director Disher, Amy Heart, John Brown, Kate Garsombke; Alderpersons Filipiak, Molski, Moore, Phillips, Rackow, Seiser

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1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to accept the February 2003 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. AIRPORT ACTIVITY REPORT - JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2003 (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Walther to accept the January and February 2003 Airport Activity Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. PRESENTATION FROM BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS - INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEMS (ATTACHMENT)

Mayor Wescott referred to his memo regarding the Instrument Landing System (ILS). He said this is an informational demonstration to assist the Board in making a decision as to whether or not to pursue the project and he called on Mr. Keith Gerard, Department of Aeronautics.

Mr. Gerard said he would first of all like to compliment the City on the excellent condition of their airport. He said one of the things they look at when they consider funding projects is the municipalities interest in the airport. He said they are intending to offer similar improvements to four or five airports in the State.

He went on to explain that the ILS broadcasts signals in space that can be received by aircraft that are equipped to receive them. He said there is a lot more to it but briefly this equipment has a glide slope and also a localizer that will give left and right indicators. He said a pilot will be able to use these to about 200' above ground.

He went on to say this will expand the use of the airport in all but the very worst of conditions, and it will increase safety.

Mr. Jim Jensen presented some material (attached) saying this Federal money is at 100%, it is basically to provide and install the navigational facilities that the FAA will then own and maintain, he added this is a good deal. He said the Stevens Point Airport has the beginnings of this landing system and it will be better to hook it up.

He said there are some things that the City would have to do at their own cost such as complete the parallel taxiway; installing lights would be nice, but reflectors will do; obstructions on each end will have to be cleared; and a possible purchase of easements. He said a high estimate is \$590,000, but that can be significantly reduced through grants. He said Stevens Point will get money, \$150,000 this year and again next year. He would like to do the design work this year using the 2003 entitlement, and use the 2004 entitlement for purchasing the equipment with installation in 2005.

Director Van Alstine said the taxiways could be done by City crews. He added we first asked for this equipment in 1978, this is a good move for us, our airport is important to the community.

Airport Manager Pinney said this will enhance safety, increase access to our airport by other corporations and draw in business. He said we are getting more air ambulances, this will definitely be a benefit to the City.

Mr. Gerard said similar installations are underway in Rice Lake and Hayward and suggested the City confer with them. He said if the City agrees to go ahead with this he will then make an application and seek support from Representative Obey and Senator Kohl. He said there is nothing assured, this is just the beginning.

Mayor Wescott said if there is interest we will proceed, he said it is important to the City.

Alderperson Sevenich asked how often and what type of maintenance is provided and a discussion followed to answer that question.

Mr. Gerard said the equipment is monitored over phone lines and if a problem occurs it shuts the equipment down and sends a notice to pilots. Mr. Jensen said there is a schedule, he wasn't sure what it was, but there are regular inspections. A technician is assigned to each airport. Airport Manager Pinney said we do have some equipment at this time that is Federally maintained. He said the technician is based out of Mosinee and it has been his experience that they are easily contacted and repairs are made quickly, they are there either the same day or the next.

Alderperson Walther said whenever we have opportunities such as this we should explore the idea.

Alderperson Seiser said it sounds like a benefit for additional use and safety but she was concerned about ramifications that would affect our commitment to the Central Wisconsin Airport. She wondered if we will be taking business away from them.

Mr. Gerard said the result should be that the airports will compliment each other. This equipment will enhance service for those who presently use our airport. He did not anticipate commercial service.

Mayor Wescott said we are not going into commercial competition, we are improving what we have, that he sees it as a way to enhance our airport, especially air ambulance service.

Mr. Jensen said that Barron County has four municipal airports and they all thrive.

Mayor Wescott said there will be no motion required but if we get a consensus from the Board to go ahead, City staff will look at this and come back to the Board with a more detailed report.

Alderson Nealis said it was good for the City, we don't get offers like this every day.

The consensus of the Board was to proceed with working up an analysis.

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BIDS: (ATTACHMENT) PROJECT #06-03: IVERSON/PFIFNER IRRIGATION PROJECT

Director Van Alstine said Land and Living Industries out of Wisconsin Rapids submitted their bid incorrectly and he recommended rejecting that bid. He said Tony's Landscaping out of Rosholt was the low bidder in the amount of \$17,010.00, they have worked for us in the past, it is within budget and he recommended approval.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderson Barr to reject the bid from Land and Living Industries out of Wisconsin Rapids because they did not submit the bid correctly.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

Alderson Sevenich moved, seconded by Alderson Sowieja to accept the low bid from Tony's Landscaping out of Rosholt in the amount of \$17,010.00 for Project #06-03.

Alderson Seiser asked where the irrigation was going and Director Schrader said they were replacing the existing irrigation system.

The Mayor called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF QUOTE: DUMP TRUCK (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Dennis Laidlaw referred to his memo saying they have recommended the purchase of five Sterling trucks from V & H out of Marshfield. The cost would be \$403,657.00.

Alderson Sevenich said she hadn't heard of Sterling and Supervisor Laidlaw said they used to be a division of Ford and are now owned by Freightline.

Director Van Alstine said the money saved on this purchase will allow us to buy three boxes for the tri-axes and will extend the life of those vehicles.

Alderson Nealis moved, seconded by Alderson Walther to accept the quote of \$403,657.00 as presented in Supervisor Laidlaw's memo.

A discussion followed after Alderson Seiser asked if there was a need for this and Director Van Alstine said we need fourteen replacement trucks and this is the first five of those. Seiser asked if this will be done over four or five years and Director Van Alstine said we purchase equipment every year. Mayor Wescott said this had been outlined and approved at budget meetings and he called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

6. SUPERINTENDENT OF SERVICES' REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Superintendent Krieski presented his report and added we are cleaning up after the weekend snow, we are picking snow, filling sand boxes, clearing brush, and other maintenance projects.

Alderson Sevenich said her constituents are asking when the parking lots downtown will be cleared and Superintendent Krieski said they are plowed when there is two or more inches of snow, but they are in the process of picking snow now.

Alderson Nealis said the crews do a great job.

Alderson Sevenich moved, seconded by Alderson Sowieja to accept the February 2003 Superintendent of Services Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

7. DIRECTOR S REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said there will be a special Board meeting prior to the Council meeting on Monday night to approve the bids for the Don Cops Pool Replaster/Regutter Project. He said we delayed the bid opening for one week at the request of the plan holders, they said they needed more time to get the bid information together.

He went on to say we are bidding a sewer lining project for Park Ridge, they will approve the bids and pay for the project. He said their sewer system goes to our treatment plant and we maintain their sewers. Last year the televising showed deterioration which can be fixed by lining the sewers, it will give them another 50 years.

Mayor Wescott moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to accept the February 2003 Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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