

Meeting Minutes
CITY OF STEVENS POINT
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2000 - 6:20 P.M.
PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Aldinger, Barr, Kedrowski, Nealis, Perlak

ALSO PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Superintendent Krieski, Clerk Zdroik, Captain Dowling, Assessor Kuehn, Director Gardner, Director Schrader, Mayoral Assistant Bumgarner, Design Engineer Yauch, Peggy Rentz, Rich Smaglik, Tom Ludwig, Administrator Disher, Kurt Gross, Donna Adamczak, Susan Kampmeier, Mike Kemmeter, Gene Kemmeter; Alderpersons Pazdernik, Phillips, Rackow, Sevenich, Walther

1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott presented the December 1999 Parking Meter Report.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Perlak to accept the December 1999 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

2. AIRPORT ACTIVITY REPORT (NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 1999) (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott presented the November and December 1999 Airport Activity Report.

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by Alderperson Aldinger to accept the November and December 1999 Airport Activity Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

3. CORRESPONDENCE FROM SENTRY AVIATION CONCERNING AIRPORT FLIGHT SCHOOL (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott referred to correspondence in the packet regarding this item.

Rich Smaglik said Sentry Aviation Services has been the Fixed Base Operator at the Stevens Point Airport for over 20 years and as part of this they have provided aircraft flight training and aircraft rentals. They have now decided to discontinue this service effective April 30, 2000. He said they had in the past provided maintenance service but discontinued that three years ago. He explained to provide these services involves risk and has been at a financial loss. As he pointed out in his memo and letter the business has changed a great deal over the years and flight lessons and aircraft rental is not as popular as it once was.

Alderperson Aldinger asked if this will have an impact on those individuals and businesses that use the airport?

Mr. Smaglik said it wouldn't affect them at all.

C/T Schlice said the City would be negotiating two contracts instead of one, the FBO and a contract to provide flight instruction, aircraft rental, and potentially aircraft maintenance. He said as indicated in his memo several parties have shown interest and he would like to seek proposals from all interested parties.

Alderperson Aldinger moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to direct staff to publicly advertise for proposals to provide a contract that would cover flight instruction, aircraft rental, and aircraft maintenance and to try to complete that within 30 days.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked if Sentry Aviation has to provide these services under the present contract?

Mayor Wescott said he could not speak for the City Attorney but it appeared the contract allows Sentry Aviation to offer these services but does not require them to do so, in essence a "smorgasbord" contract.

C/T Schlice said he had spoken to the City Attorney and he agrees.

Alderperson Barr suggested Mr. Smaglik be involved in the process.

Mr. Smaglik said as FBO, Sentry Aviation would be involved, he also added that he didn't expect a great number of responses to the proposal

The Mayor called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

4. RESOLUTION FOR A RAILROAD QUIET ZONE TRIAL PROGRAM (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said in the past there have been questions raised about eliminating train whistles in the City but that safety concerns have prevented any action. He said the resolution before the Board is a result of his office discovering a pilot program that would create a railroad quiet zone and would also enhance safety. He said he has spoken to the Railroad Commissioner about this program and because it is so new he **doesn't have all the facts including cost. The Mayor said what he does know is that we would have a chance at being the first in the mid-west** to take part in this, the only other trial area that they are aware of is in North Carolina. He said some of the reasons we have a good chance at qualifying for this is because of the amount of railroad traffic we have and because it is increasing, and also because we have already taken steps to install gates at a number of railroad crossings in the City.

He went on to say the process would be that we formally present this resolution to the State Railroad Commissioner in Madison who would then forward it to the Federal officials. He pointed out we would have federal, state, and local governments working together with the railroad. He said while we do not know if we would be selected he thinks this is a wonderful opportunity. Again he said this is a very young program, we do not know the cost, but we do know that if we qualify this could create a quiet zone and enhance railroad safety in the City. His understanding is that it

would eliminate train whistles except in cases where the engineer deems it necessary to sound the whistle.

Discussion followed regarding the present procedure for engineers sounding the whistle and because the engineer could use discretion, train whistles would not be totally eliminated. The Mayor was asked if anything would change prior to finding out if we were accepted and if he knew when we would find out.

Mayor Wescott said nothing would change until we know if we were selected and that he did not know how long it would take to find out, it would have to go through the channels.

He said this is an informational item that will be on the Council agenda for Monday night.

5. SUPERINTENDENT OF SERVICES REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Superintendent Krieski presented his December 1999 report. He said they have been busy sanding with the recent rain and ice and he said there are two graders out and they are doing the best they can to cut and clean the streets. His crews are also busy filling sand boxes and the Christmas decorations will be taken down soon.

Aldersperson Perlak moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to accept the December 1999 Superintendent of Services Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

6. DIRECTOR S REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said in addition to his report he has two items to add. The first is that Lunda Construction is delaying the closing of the Clark Street Bridge until March 20, they had originally planned to close it March 1. The reason they gave was that the underground work will take longer than building the bridge and that underground work can't start until April 1. He added this will not change the completion date.

The second item was that the University called regarding aligning Portage Street with High Street at Reserve (drawing attached) near the University Center, St. Stan s and the library. They have to do underground anyway and would like to do this alignment when they put it back.

Aldersperson Sevenich asked if the street name would remain the same after they are connected?

Director Van Alstine said they probably would leave the names as they are.

Discussion followed regarding the delay in closing the bridge and if that would cancel out the chance of having to pay incentive to complete the bridge sooner.

Both the Mayor and Director of Public Works said they believed the contractor would still strive to complete the bridge before the completion date. The Mayor reminded the Board there are penalties for not completing the bridge on time.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Aldersperson Aldinger to accept the December 1999 Director s Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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