

Study Session Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2002

7:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER.

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on March 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ackerman presided. Council members present were: Fred Ribich, Patsy Reed, Mel Kramer, Gary Grace, Joe Kobliska and Gary Boorum. Absent: Darrel Steege.

1. **Approve Agenda as Printed or Add Items for Discussion Only.**

Suggested Motion.

Moved By: Kramer

Seconded By: Ribich

That the agenda for this Council Meeting as prepared is hereby approved / amended as follows:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

C. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. **Mayoral Appointments.**

Moved By: Ribich

Seconded By: Kobliska

The Mayoral Appointment of Elaine Main to the Library Board is hereby approved.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

D. STUDY SESSION.

1. **Review September 2001 Update of the Airport Layout Plan.**

Bruce Ecker informed the Council and the citizens present that Airport Layout Plans have been in existence since 1981. He reviewed the history of the airport and other comparable cities with airports. He also stated that the City submitted a Federal Aviation Entitlement Fund application in January for north/south runway funding. The IDOT came back and said the current runway 1129 does not meet safety standards. The FFA advised the City to revise their application to extend the current 1129 runway 400 feet. Fred Krumweide voiced his concerns with the Waterloo Airport only 15 minutes away. Mr. Krumweide was concerned that hangar rental revenues generate only \$23,000 and the City allocates \$175,000 to the airport budget. He also stated that due to budget constraints did the City really need to extend the present 1129 runway. Edward Lowe was concerned with the accuracy of the traffic counts and whether escalated gas prices might drive airplane travel down. Ron Krumweide wanted to know if companies like Nestle, CUNA and Terex use the Waverly Airport or whether only a select few use said facility. Sam Smith, flight instructor, informed all present that he could bring in more flight school students if the runway was extended to 4,000 feet to allow for multi-engine planes. He also stated that if the runway was extended to 4,000 feet it would be "money well spent" and would bring in more corporate

travel. Marv Schmidt disputed airport traffic counts. Wayne Carolus questioned the amount of funding in new application for the runway extension. Mayor Ackerman introduced the Airport Commission members. Norm Mutchler, Airport Commissioner again stressed the need for a 4,000-foot runway to bring in more corporate jets. Jan Johnson, Bob Bauman and Bob Niederhauser of the Airport Commission were also present. Bob Bauman and Bob Niederhauser both stressed that in order for Waverly to remain progressive and prosperous and attract growth, the City needs to look at transportation. Mr. Niederhauser also stated that maybe the City should do more to attract Cedar Falls businesses to fill our Industrial Park. Sandi Janssen voiced her concerns with the 1129 runway extension and the preservation of her farmland. Sylvia Poehler and Sandi Janssen questioned Council on City easement restrictions. Mr. Ron Garber of Clapsaddle-Garber Associates consultants on the Airport Layout Plan informed the Council that a letter would have to be drafted to amend the previous application. Ron Dean stated that the Council should consider how much revenue agriculture generates in the community. Discussion followed on reimbursement of state funds in the same year. Bruce Ecker informed Glen Burkle that the Airport Commission would forward breakdown of costs and timetable for the proposed runway extension to him and other property owners. Brod Sands questioned whether there were traffic count studies on the airport and was concerned with noise. The Airport Commission will come back to Council April 15th with a breakdown of costs and timetable for the extension of the current runway.

2. **Review Proposal to Update the 1997 Water Utility Evaluation and Management Plan.**

City Engineer Cherry informed Council that the Water Utility Evaluation & Management Plan is an important tool for the City used monthly in providing and maintaining a quality and reliable water supply. Since its introduction in 1997, the City has added approximately 8 miles of new water main and a new high capacity well. The updated Water Utility Evaluation & Management Plan will provide pressure and fire flows for the City's high and low distribution systems, identification of needs and priority projects based on growth projects, and Cybernetic Modeling Runs based on anticipated subdivision construction and projects. Council questioned staff on fire flows and their impact on insurance premiums for businesses. With the aid of the proposed new plan staff will be able to determine the needs for future water infrastructure improvements.

3. **Quarterly Review of Strategic Planning Report.**

Administrator Crayne reviewed the Strategic Planning Report. Discussion followed on the Law Enforcement Center as a Council priority. Mr. Crayne informed the Council that presently the County the project included closing 4th Street NE from Bremer Ave. to 1st Ave. NE for parking and expansion of the law enforcement center. Mr. Crayne also reviewed the City and County space responsibility concepts.

4. **Review Status of Projects.**

Staff informed Council that Big 6 Plaza work would begin on April 15th and the landscaping would start in the fall.

4th and Bremer Parking lot will be constructed in the fall of 2002.

E. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

1. **Boards and Commissions.**

2. **Reports.**

3. **Communications.**

Waverly Child Care land acquisition north of the Country Kitchen will be discussed at the Study Session in April.

F. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Moved By: Boorum

Seconded By: Ribich

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

Council adjourned at 9:58 P. M.

Ivan J. Ackerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Richard J. Crayne, City Clerk