

A. CALL TO ORDER.

A Study Session of the Waverly City Council was held on September 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Brunkhorst presided. Council members present were: Kathy Olson, Gary Boorum, Jim Vowels, Richard Lindell, Gene Lieb, Gary Grace. Tim Kangas. Absent: None

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

Moved By: Grace

That the agenda for this Council meeting as prepared is hereby Approved as amended by removing Item 1 under Regular Business.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

B. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS.

City Administrator Crayne informed Duane Liddle that the City filed a lawsuit.

C. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. **Resolution 10-148, A Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Property by Eminent Domain.**

The agenda was amended to remove this item from the table.

D. STUDY SESSION.

1. **Airport Commission to Review 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.**

Dennis Hansen, Chair of the Airport Commission, reviewed the history of the Waverly Municipal Airport starting from 1966 to present. Mr. Hansen also reviewed the IDOT report on Waverly's airport regarding existing facilities, system objective and recommendations. Cedar Valley Aviation is the full time fixed-base operator and provides fueling, aircraft maintenance, aircraft rental, charter service and flight instruction. Aerial Services also houses all their aircraft at the airport.

Mr. Hansen and Brian Curtis of Cedar Valley Aviation stated:

- There are 23 aircraft at the airport. The airport is used for seasonal ag spraying and for business purposes.
- All of the 21 largest businesses in Iowa rely on general aviation in some way to support their activities and increase productivity.
- General Aviation airports rank in the top 10 of factors considered for business relocation and expansion.
- The \$1,500,000 economic value the airport generates to the City is an intangible benefit because of the jobs that the airport creates and the revenue that is created by aircraft bringing people into Waverly.
- The people from Horse Sale, Wartburg, Terex, Golfing visit the restaurants and shops.
- Fuel, LP and Electricity are purchased from the City.
- Hangar rent generates revenue.
- Federal funding is generated by aviation money.
- Cedar Valley Aviation is recognized nationally for its mechanical facility.
- The proposed extension of the runway is 400 feet.

- Aerial Services and other businesses will leave the airport if the runway is not extended.
- Aerial Services employs 30 people full time and buy \$15,000 worth of fuel a month all tools and labor and provides for a fixed based operator.
- The present Airport Layout Plan includes the 400 feet extension of the runway.
- The runway extension would accommodate charter aircraft.
- Aerial Services pays increased insurance premiums to land at the Waverly airport.

City Engineer Cherry informed the Council that in 2005 the Council's directive to the Commission was to go into the maintenance mode and the Commission could put together a revised capital plan that utilizes Federal funding resources.

Mr. Hansen and Mr. Curtis continue:

- The Council could operate off the current Airport Layout Plan and seek approval from City Council on land acquisition. The City would have to request funding from FAA first. With the 400 foot extension and widening the safety zones, the City would meet FAA requirements.
- Mr. Cherry stated that the City is currently doing a maintenance project on the runway and in five years would have to do a complete resurfacing project.
- To lengthen the runway and widen the safety zones would require property acquisition.
- A company in Arizona may want to base their aircraft in Waverly but can't because of the runway.
- Aerial Services is a prime government contractor.

Council discussed the Waterloo Airport and its proximity to Waverly.

Mr. Hansen and Mr. Curtis continue:

- The FAA says that based upon Waverly's traffic and population that a 4,000 foot runway is needed.
- The aircraft that frequent Waverly's airport try to stay away from commercial airports because it's controlled air space, more congested and more expensive.
- The livelihoods of several families in Waverly will be affected if the runway is not extended.
- Any airport that has ever expanded faces Eminent Domain issues. City Engineer Cherry informed Council that the FAA wants the 400 foot added minimum length required before they will talk to the City about the north/south runway.
- If the support of the Council is not to increase the size of the airport why spend the money to update the Airport Layout Plan.
- Discussion followed on a north/south runway and whether it would extend beyond the City limits and closing a gravel road.
- In order to continue to operate the 9,000 and 10,000 pound airplanes the other 400 feet is required by the insurance companies.

Administrator Crayne informed Council that during the last update of the Airport Layout Plan there was a lot of study done on the 400 foot extension to the runway. Mr. Crayne suggested using that information during that process if the Council wants to review said information in determining whether to proceed with the 400 foot addition. City Engineer Cherry also informed Council that FAA applications need to be submitted to the IDOT in December. Mr. Cherry

suggested that Mc Clure Engineering come to the October Study Session and review the current Airport Layout Plan and talk about what land needs to be acquired, what the runway extension means and what type of aircraft can be used at the Waverly's airport. Based on that discussion the Council at the November 1st meeting could decide whether to continue with maintenance or amend the Capital Improvement plan and proceed with the application. Council requested Aerial Services or any other Airport business to be present for the October Study Session. Mr. Cherry also informed Duane Liddle that it was a Council decision to not move forward with the addition of 400 feet for the runway because of a relocation of a residence.

E. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

1. **Boards and Commissions.**

Cable Telecommunications Commission Minutes-Mediacom is asking the City and Wartburg TV to vacate public access channels 8 & 10 to channels 81 & 82 by the end of the year. Wartburg TV is not in favor of moving said channels. Mediacom is going digital.

2. **Reports.**

Departmental Status Reports –discussion followed on restricted and unrestricted enterprise funds and bond reserves.

3. **Communication.**

Leisure Services Memo – Leisure Services Director Ray informed Council that when he speaks to Service Clubs he conducts a survey on likes or dislikes of Waverly.

The Council thanked Willie Clyde Mohorne for his service as Guest Councilperson.

F. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS ON POLICY ISSUES.

Leisure Services Director Ray informed Council he hopes to have the Pro and the Pro Shop Contract on the Council agenda in October.

Council thanked the Waverly Police Department in handling the GMT incident.

Preservation Iowa is starting to remove historic salvage from the buyout homes.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved By: Boorum

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

Council adjourned at 8:27 P. M.