

HARBOR COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 9, 2006

I. Roll Call

Jim Bartlett	Present
Yvonne DeWindt	Absent
Al Dika	Present
John Flemming	Absent
Tom Graham, Jr.	Present
Bill McCullough	Absent
Jim Offield	Absent
Fred Rachwitz	Present
Jane Ramer	Present
Dick Schiller	Present

Also present: Harbormaster Bob Bokram, Assistant Harbormaster Mike Johnson and City Manager Fred Geuder.

Chairman Jim Bartlett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Minutes

Motion by Dika, seconded by Schiller, to approve the minutes of July 19, 2006, as presented. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence

None.

IV. New and Old Business

A. Floating Dock Repair Proposal

Bartlett noted the letter received by the City with a proposal to perform repairs to the floating dock that are larger than the routine tune-up repairs done annually in the spring.

It was noted that Flotation Docking Systems is the original contractor for the dock, and has provided excellent service over the years.

Dika said he did not believe the amount was excessive for a dock that was now over 15 years old.

Motion by Dika, seconded by Schiller, to recommend that City Council proceed with the proposal from Flotation Docking Systems to do \$13,329 in repairs to the east floating dock. Motion carried.

B. Tennis Court Resurfacing

The City Manager presented a proposal from Hentco to resurface (restore) the tennis courts on the waterfront at a cost of \$7,884. This would include minor repairs to the asphalt, and new color coatings and lines.

The City Manager noted that work would likely be done in the fall (weather and schedule permitting), but if the contract were signed now, the price would hold for spring work. He also noted that he had inquired of Benchmark Engineering whether there were other companies in the north, and found that for this type of niche work, Hentco was the only one around.

The City Manager further noted that by doing the courts now, we would avoid further deterioration to the asphalt underneath that could result in higher restoration costs. Harbor Cove is presently restoring their two courts at a cost of around \$13,000 because more damage had been done to the existing surface. Our courts have not been resurfaced in over 20 years, and this is partly attributable to having a good base, and very few trees blocking the sunlight, so the courts dry up very well.

It was suggested that spring would be a better time, so it would not have a winter of wear. The City Manager noted that if we did not do it now, the spring price would be somewhat higher (5%+?).

Pringle Pfeifer commented that her son formerly worked for Hentco, and felt they were an excellent company. She felt that if we waited until the spring, their schedule might be filled up, and we might not get it done.

Motion by Rachwitz, seconded by Dika, to recommend City Council approval of a contract with Hentco for \$7,884, to resurface/restore the waterfront tennis courts. Motion carried.

C. Potential Launch Ramp Settling

The City Manager said he had looked at the launch ramp concrete surface with Fred Walstrom and it was noted that some settling is occurring to the concrete planks. Whether it is affecting launching or would be a problem with a new dock is not known.

Bokram said he thought that sheet pilings were in place at the end of the concrete planks, so they are not moving out away much but may be settling.

It was suggested that the City Manager get a proposal from Walstrom, and in the meantime we should also know more about what is proposed for a new dock, and then we can decide whether such repairs would be needed.

D. Fall Dock Rates

The City Manager said he was proposing that the same rate structure be recommended for this fall as last year.

Last year, the Council approved a rate where boats 26-40' in length would have a 50% discount on stays of seven days or longer, while boats up to 25' in length would have a 50% discount for any length stay. These discounts would take effect the day after Labor Day.

The City Manager noted that the Harbormaster said that very few boats took advantage of the 26-40' rate. But because the City would potentially be doing repairs to the floating dock, he suggested that the program not be changed.

Motion by Graham, seconded by Dika, to recommend Council approve the same fall dock rates as in 2005. Motion carried.

E. Harbormaster Report

Harbormaster Bob Bokram reported that transient boat days for 2006 were up through August 7th, but whether that would hold up through the season was yet to be determined. He attributed the increase to a strong June, where local boaters signed up early in order to be in place for July 4th.

It was also noted that the transient fees were the same as last year. The trend is that more trailerable boats are brought in versus ones coming in from the lake.

Graham also noted that more sailboat days had occurred.

It was also noted that the regatta was smaller than in recent years.

Schiller asked about dinghies by the two-hour dock. Bokram stated that most were seasonal mooring dinghies (who had paid the permit fee) or transient mooring field users. You also see dinghies from people anchoring in the harbor.

Rachwitz noted that the width of dinghies seems to be wider at Zoll Street, but there are less dinghies there because of the no-motor rule.

F. Other Comments

The City Manager noted that the Zoll Street Beach was re-opened the day after the closure. He also noted that the Harbor Light did comment on the lack of cooperation from some dog owners.

It was noted that the Coastal Crawl again went well.

Pringle Pfeifer said that additional kayakers were needed to help monitor the swimmers.

V. Meeting Schedule

The next meetings of the Harbor Commission was scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2006, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Frederick W. Geuder, City Manager