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Airport Commission Agenda
December 5, 2019
Reedsburg City Hall, 134 S Locust Street
7:30 AM

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CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2019.:

THE COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT DISCUSS THESE TOPICS, AND WILL NOT TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THEM AT THIS MEETING

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Consideration of Sky Diving Business.

II. ADJOURN:



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Reedsburg WI.
October 24, 2019

The Reedsburg Airport Commission convened in session on October 24, 2019 at 7:30 am with the following members present: Mike Gargano, Jason Schulte, Todd Polk and John Chamberlin

Also Present: Steven Zibell, Tom Parker and Tim Becker

Motion by Polk second by Chamberlin to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2019 meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion by Polk Seconded by Schulte to go into closed session per section 19.85(1) (E) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Airport Commission will consider entering closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically related to the shared ride taxi RFP.

Motion Carried

Motion by Schulte seconded by Chamberlin to go back into open session.

Motion Carried

Tom discussed he was approached by a company who provides parachuting. They would like to operate on the east side along Veterans Drive and they would be in operation 7 days a week. Concerns were brought up about safety for other planes coming into land, insurance requirements along with logistics on their operation. Polk brought up an idea of having the drop zone away from the airport and just have them fly in and out along with their office on airport grounds. Zibell and Polk will get more information from the company and talk to our insurance carriers about requirements. No action was taken at this time.

Tim Becker presented the tabulation of ranking sheets from the closed session, Running Inc. 276, FDS 206.5, Abby Vans 265. The members discussed the results and Becker explained how he came up with the scores with price being a maximum of 30 points down to 18 points. Motion was made by Polk seconded by Chamberlin to approve Running Inc.'s RFP for the City of Reedsburg taxi service.

Motion Carried

Moved by Schulte second by Polk to adjourn at 8:50 am.

Motion Carried.

Respectively Submitted,
Steven T. Zibell, Public Works Director/City Engineer

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November 21, 2019

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Re: Airport/Skydiving

Dear Steve:

I reviewed the CVMIC insurance policy and exclusion #9 does not provide coverage to the City of Reedsburg as to the airport. The Old Republic Insurance airport owner and liability policy also has an exclusion from airport parachuting whether it be a parachutist, skydiver, or parachute jumper who is engaged in or on board an aircraft in preparation to engage in the supports of parachuting, skydiving, or parachute jumping. Therefore, the City of Reedsburg has no insurance coverage for this type of activity.

My recollection is that life insurance policies also exclude parachuting, skydiving, etc. The risk associated with this type of activity is extremely high.

Numerous factors of consideration exist. These include: the risk of death, injury, and property damage; the amount of claim for such damages; and the degree of commercial skydiving insurance protection available to insure the City of Reedsburg and the commercial business. Even with contractual obligations of a commercial business, including hold harmless and indemnification contract and provisions, the City could be liable if there is an exclusion or exception under the commercial policy; the limits of the policy are met and the damage claimed exceeds the policy; and the resources of the commercial business to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the City for any such claims. Example, the commercial business will likely be a corporation or a limited liability company which will limit its liability and presumably provide protection for the individual Members for which the City may not have recourse.

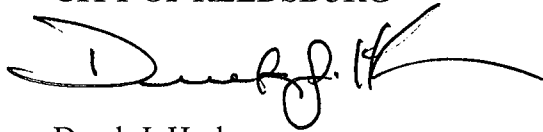
Online search of municipal airports in the State of Wisconsin that allow such activities are few. I have placed a call to one municipality's attorney but have not received a response.

If you wish my opinion, based upon not having any insurance coverage and the risk of liability, I recommend not allowing skydiving, parachuting, etc. at the Reedsburg Airport.

Upon your review of this letter please contact me to discuss further any questions you or the commission may have. If this type of operation will be allowed, it should be reviewed by the Common Council and a determination made whether any insurance can be obtained to protect the City of Reedsburg along with its cost.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF REEDSBURG

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek J. Horkan", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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