

HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2022
4:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Allie
Lee Kummer
Dave Luckow
Doug Borys
Rich Larsen
Scott McMeans
Ald. John Brunner

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Braun, Harbor Master

OTHERS PRESENT

Craig Briess

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ted Jennejon
Fred Radandt

Approval of the Minutes from the August 3rd, 2021 Meeting

Motion made by L. Kummer and seconded by S. McMeans to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

New Business

Bridge Lifts and Tonnage Reports

P. Braun reviewed the annual tonnage and bridge lift reports with the Commission. In 2021 the port tonnage was a total of 235,747 tons of product shipped through the port of Manitowoc, of which 165,934 tons were inbound and 69,812 tons were outbound. The 29 year annual average is 351,044 tons of commodity shipped through the port. The Commission reviewed the bridge lift reports and had no comments, concerns or questions.

Update on the S.S. Badger projects.

P. Braun explained that the Badger counter-weight tower projects are finished. The total project costs for the east tower project was \$618,692 and west tower work was \$93,869; totaling \$712,561. WisDOT's Harbor Assistance Program covered 80% of the costs. Michaels Construction was the general contractor for the east tower work, Lunda Construction was the general contractor for the west tower and Collins Engineers was the project engineer.

P. Braun stated that the City and Carferry are cost sharing on a structural inspection of the car ferry loading apron this spring.

Update on the 2022 Budget Request for General Harbor and River Upgrades and Maintenance.

P. Braun explained that the Common Council has budgeted \$95,000 for 2022 projects related to the port of Manitowoc. The planned 2022 projects include the placement of a wood fender system along the sheet wall adjacent to City Hall which is for transient boaters. The docking along City Hall would be open to the public and would not allow

overnight stays unless prior permission is granted from the City. Other 2022 projects include updating wake/no wake signage and other signage along the Manitowoc River in addition to painting of the escape ladders along the river.

Harbor & River Inventory Story Map

P. Braun showed the Commission the GIS mapping system which inventoried all the infrastructure, signage, escape ladders and other miscellaneous improvements along the Manitowoc River and Marina. The GIS Story Map is a tool that staff is using to manage the assets in the port and to prioritize what maintenance is needed.

Discussion on Lake Michigan Water Levels

P. Braun detailed the Army Corps of Engineer's February 25, 2022 report regarding water levels. The water levels are 9" above the monthly long term average, 28" lower than February 2020 all-time high level and 37" higher than the all-time low water level recorded in 1964.

Update on Revetment Work along Lake Michigan and the Army Corp of Engineering's Section 14 Program

P. Braun stated that the City is optimistic that the Army Corp of Engineering will be moving forward with completing a feasibility to determine the cost effectiveness of either improving the existing shoreline revetment along Lake Michigan north of the Marina or relocating the Central Brown County Water Authorities water line that runs in between Lake Michigan and Maritime Drive. The hope is that the Army Corp will find it more cost effective to improve the shoreline revetment work than it is to relocate the CBCWA water line. The City and CBCWA is hoping the shoreline protection work will be completed in 2022 or 2023.

Review of the Harbor Assistance Program 3 Year Statement of Intentions

The Commission reviewed the HAP Statement of Intentions, the Commission was in full support of the nine projects that were stated in the statement of intentions. P. Braun explained that the statement is simply a list of potential harbor related projects that may occur in the next 3 years. The statement of intentions does not commit the city or private entity to completing the project.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be selected at a later time.

Adjournment

R. Larsen made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. S. McMeans seconded the Motion.

Paul Braun

Harbor Master