

**CITY OF MERRILL  
AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
6:00 PM  
Merrill Airport Terminal**

**Members Present:** Chairman Gary Schwartz, Lyle Banser, Joe Malsack, Gary Shulz (via phone), Alderman Mike Rick, Airport Manager Rich McCullough.

**Public Present:** Hunter Lane (cameraman), Steve Krueger, Larry Wenning

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Schwartz called the Meeting to order at 18:00.
2. **Discussion/Decision to Approve City Funded Construction of a New 8-Unit T-Hangar as Shown on our Merrill Municipal Airport Master Plan at the North End of Champagne Street** – Chairman Schwartz presented a Master Plan, dated 2011, showing the location of proposed T-hangar along with a map of other existing and proposed building site locations.

Airport Manager McCullough distributed a list of 15 people looking for hangars to rent.

Discussed the existing City T-hangar being consistently full, with no room to hangar additional aircraft at the Airport. The old City-owned hangar built in 1964 currently generates \$16,000 per year in rental fees; and since being built, it has generated well over \$400,000 for the 10-unit hangar.

The new proposed hangar would generate approximately the same income for 8 units (with higher rental fees).

Discussion followed that an increase in hangar space will have many peripheral benefits to the Airport rental fees, fuel sales, maintenance of planes by local mechanics and to the Community in property taxes, commerce around Merrill and home sales.

Alderman Mike Rick made a motion to present a proposal for an 8-unit T-hangar with approximate cost of 300K to the City Council. Second by Malsack. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Malsack; second by Banser. All ayes. Motion carried.