

# Waverly Council considers airport runway expansion



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WAVERLY, Iowa --- The city is reviving a discussion about whether to extend a runway at the Waverly Municipal Airport.

On Monday, members of the City Council will review an airport layout plan that includes a proposed extension of 400 feet to the east. The improvements would require acquiring property, according to city documents.

During the 7 p.m. council study session at the Waverly Civic Center, representatives from McClure Engineering and the Waverly Airport Commission are expected to outline for council members the pros and cons of the project. The review also will cover the Federal Aviation Administration's process for airport improvements that include acquiring property.

City Engineer Mike Cherry said the plan under review is equivalent to one rejected by a previous council in December 2005. That council decided against an expansion project in a 3-3 vote. One council member was absent.

The plan would almost double the buffer zone around the runway, according to Cherry.

The city is wrapping up repairs and maintenance on the runway, taxiway and apron at the airport, he added. The next project would address maintenance needs of an access road and parking lot, Cherry said.

The city plans to review the issue Monday and may decide in early November whether to proceed with a maintenance project or to pursue the extension, according to minutes from an earlier meeting.

The council also will hear updates on salvaged items from flood buyout properties and regulation enforcement on rental properties.

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