

**CITY OF ANTIGO**  
**AD HOC WEATHER WARNING SYSTEM COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**  
**AUGUST 06, 2025**

Ad Hoc Weather Warning System of the City of Antigo met in Regular Meeting on the above date at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Chairperson Glenn Bugni presiding.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Glenn Bugni	Chairperson	Present	
Barb Rebstock	Ward 1	Present	
Joel Wagner	Ward 6	Present	
Jeff Geiger	Member	Present	
Hank Bie	Member	Present	
Rhonda Christian	Member	Present	
Darla Hoerman	Member	Present	

Others in attendance were: Thomas C. Bauknecht, Mayor; Daniel Duley, Police Chief; Corey Smith, Fire Chief; Shannon Smith, Administrative/Clerical Assistant; Roy Dieck, Alderperson Ward 2; and Destiny Gieger.

**Minutes Approval**

1. Approve Minutes from the July 2, 2025 Meeting (Contingent Upon Chairperson Approval)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joel Wagner, Ward 6
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Barb Rebstock, Ward 1
<b>AYES:</b>	Bugni, Rebstock, Wagner, Geiger, Bie, Christian, Hoerman

**Discussion and Action May Occur on Any of the Following Agenda Items**

1. Community Survey to Determine the Need for Weather Warning Sirens
  - a. Format/Wording of Weather Warning Survey for City of Antigo Resident Survey
  - b. Determine media to be used to distribute/respond to Weather Warning Survey
  - c. Screening of Weather Warning Survey Participants
  - d. Timeline of Survey

Alderperson Bugni discussed receiving a quote from Sentry Sirens, information noted under Additional Issues.

Alderperson Bugni stated a survey is needed to provide data that the sirens are wanted by the community. Ms. Hoerman noted there are a variety of survey services, noting she used Survey Monkey with simple yes or no questions format. There was discussion about the survey questions being directed to the community regarding if sirens are wanted before contacting businesses or foundations financing the sirens.

Daniel Duley, Police Chief questioned how to verify only city residents are answering the questions. There was discussion about how to verify city residents' addresses and who might do that.

Alderperson Bugni stated there will be a paper copy of the survey and questioned where they should be located. There was discussion of various places to have the paper copy of the survey. Ms. Christian suggested sticking to three main high traffic places, like City Hall, the Senior Center and the Library. Ms. Hoerman stated the online survey and paper copies at the three suggested places would be sufficient.

Alderson Bugni asked for a timeline of distributing the survey. Alderson Wagner suggested the end of September and Alderson Rebstock suggested the first of September. Mr. Baumgartner and Alderson Bugni supported September first as a distribution date for the survey.

Ms. Christian questioned if the survey should have a statement that taxes are not going to be used for the sirens. There was discussion about including questions about private funding of the sirens.

Alderson Dieck stated he feels the City should fund the sirens because they are intended for public safety.

Mr. Baumgartner stated he would like to add to the survey a question about what ward the resident is in. Alderson Rebstock noted it gets away from the intention of the survey which is sirens. Alderson Bugni noted he thought it should be on the survey and if it is not filled in then their address can be used to determine their ward.

Ms. Christian suggested a generic statement at this point that the City is looking at how the project would be funded.

Mayor Bauknecht stated any grant funding would need to be completed by the City. Alderson Dieck stated even with private funding the council would need to approve the program.

## 2. Financing of Weather Warning Project

- a. Discussion of Businesses/Foundations to approach for funding of the 5 Siren Weather Warning System
- b. Amount of Funding to Request
- c. Time span for Weather Warning System Contributions (i.e. 3-year request)
- d. Timeline for Funding Weather Warning System

Alderson Bugni stated he has been working with Alderson Wagner on financing. He stated he called ten businesses so far. He noted he called Volm and Michael Hunter called him back and stated he was not interested and felt it was a city function that should be funded by the City or public. Alderson Bugni and Alderson Wagner met with Waukesha Bearings earlier today. He noted Human Resources told him the employees have talked about sirens and noted they have a committee meeting soon on what organizations to provide funding too and will put the sirens on the list. Alderson Bugni stated they asked about how much funding he was seeking. He noted he talked to them about \$7,000 for three years totaling \$21,000.

Alderson Bugni stated he called Wagner Oil Company and spoke with John Wagner about funding. He noted that he and Alderson Wagner will meet with John Wagner on Friday.

Alderson Bugni stated he called and left messages at Hydratight, Amron, Karls Transport and Kretz Lumber.

Alderson Wagner stated he spoke with Johnson Electric Coil, and they asked to have the plans or proposal emailed to them. He noted they seemed interested, and he provided Alderson Bugni their card with an email address for the proposal.

Alderson Wagner spoke with Ace Equipment noting they were interested and wanted to know more. He let them know he would be contacting them by the end of next week.

Mr. Geiger stated he contacted the main office of Kwik Trip. He stated they were interested and let him know where to apply for their funding. Mr. Geiger stated he filled out an online questionnaire and should hear from them in about four weeks. Upon inquiry from Alderson Bugni, Mr. Geiger stated he requested the full amount talked about at the last meeting.

Chief Duley questioned which funding source he applied for with Kwik Trip. Mr. Gieger stated he filled out the neighbor to neighbor grant. Chief Duley confirmed Mr. Gieger filled out an application for funding and Mr. Geiger confirmed he did.

Ms. Hoerman and Ms. Christian suggested CoVantage Credit Union through their CoVantage Cares program. Ms. Christian stated she can request information about applying for the CoVantage Cares program. Other businesses suggested to contact for donations were Walmart, area banks, Sartori, Culvers, Erbets and Gerberts and All American Dumpster.

Ms. Christian questioned if there should be a minimum or suggested donation amount noting it will all add up.

Aldersperson Wagner suggested a minimum of \$5 for private donations and a minimum of \$1,000 for businesses.

Mr. Baumgartner suggested a minimum of \$1,000 for a one-time donation versus a minimum of \$7,000 per year for three years for continued donations.

Ms. Christian questioned a process for providing tax documentation for donations.

There was discussion on long term donations versus one-time donations in reference to initial cost and long-term maintenance.

Aldersperson Bugni supported a \$1,000 one-time or \$7,000 for three years minimum for businesses and a \$5 minimum for private donations.

Upon inquiry from Ms. Hoerman, Aldersperson Bugni stated he has not reached out to foundations yet but is aware that foundations make their funding determinations in the month of February. Mayor Bauknecht stated a lot of foundations want you to raise the money first then they will match that amount.

Mr. Baumgartner suggested seeking out larger car dealerships for funding. Mr. Baumgartner also suggested raising a larger amount to buy additional sirens.

Ms. Christian suggested a fundraiser thermometer to raise awareness and encourage donations.

Aldersperson Rebstock noted the information provided stated the sirens are automatically activated, stating in the past there was some concern about who would activate the sirens. Mr. Baumgartner stated the sirens are linked to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data. Chief Duley stated the City relies on the County for dispatching services, so if dispatch is asked to activate the siren there would need to be a discussion with the County and agreements signed.

Aldersperson Bugni questioned what the timeline should be for raising funds. Aldersperson Wagner stated funding sources often require timelines for funding.

Ms. Christian suggested one year from October first for a timeline.

Ms. Hoerman asked if the City could fund a portion of the sirens. Aldersperson Bugni stated he can bring it back up with the Council. He noted the City does have a major issue currently with the aging Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) that needs updating and replacing.

Aldersperson Bugni stated he has been told there are grants available for sirens as well.

### 3. Media Coverage

- a. Antigo Daily Journal, Antigo Times, Television Newscasts, Facebook

Nothing discussed

4. Additional Issues

Aldersperson Bugni distributed a quote from Sentry Siren Product Corporation. He would like to determine if Sentry Siren Corporation should come to the next meeting and noted the cost is approximately \$100,000 less with three sirens versus five sirens. Aldersperson Bugni stated Sentry Siren assured him that three sirens would cover the whole city. He noted Sentry Siren also stated the system is virtually maintenance free as it has solar charged batteries and noted it is connected to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Aldersperson Bugni would like to invite Sentry Siren to next meeting to discuss their system. Ms. Christian noted a presentation from this company will answer some community questions and help create a base set of questions to ask other siren companies. Aldersperson Bugni noted he has started a list of questions to ask companies. He noted action can be taken on the bid, but he would like to invite the Sentry Siren Product Corporation to the next meeting.

Ms. Hoermann suggested getting more bids and have all the companies present at one meeting. Mayor Bauknecht noted it would be helpful to hear this presentation to know what questions to ask of any other companies. He noted it was premature to put this out for bid without more information. Roy Dieck, Aldersperson Ward 2, added there are more specifications needed for a bid request.

Aldersperson Wagner noted grants have precise requirements including any bids. Aldersperson Dieck stated a request for proposals would provide the specifications available, then a contract could be created and put out to bid.

Next meeting August 25, 2025 at 4:30pm.

**Adjournment**

1. **Motion to:** Adjourn at 6:51 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Thomas C. Bauknecht, Mayor (not currently a member)
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Barb Rebstock, Ward 1
<b>AYES:</b>	Bauknecht, Bugni, Rebstock, Wagner, Geiger, Bie, Christian, Hoerman

*Glenn Bugni*  
Glenn Bugni, Chairperson

*Aug 25, 2025*  
Date