

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 5, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Close
Jesse Hudson
Gary Iori
Ron Long
Michael Tribelhorn
Jerry Waltrip, Vice-Chairperson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Keizer, Chairperson

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Beasley, Director of Public Works
Bill Pyle, Airport Manager
Andrea Holtzman, Administrative Assistant

The Airport Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, May 5, 2014 at 12:00 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. with six (6) members present.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2014. Ron Long moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. This motion was seconded by Gary Iori and carried unanimously.

The second order of business was an update on the Runway 16-34 Edge Lighting Project. In this regard, Bill Pyle explained Strukel Electric is completing the installation of lights and signs this week. Friday, the west side of Runway 16-34 was turned on and looked good. Runway painting is completed. The east/west Taxiway line remains to be painted at this time.

Michael Tribelhorn asked if there would be a lead line in the taxiway off of Runway 16-34. He expressed a concern about night vision. Mr. Pyle stated he would have to look into it. He was unsure if the equipment the City has would be able to paint the curve.

The third order of business was an update on Award KAIP Grant Tree Removal from Runway 16 Approach. Bill Beasley reminded the Committee the tree grant had been approved and explained there would be another assessment of the area due to necessary mitigation to accommodate the Grey Bat, Spring Peeper frog, Red Bellied Snake and Sphinx that live in the area. Mr. Beasley stated they would not be able to remove any trees until mitigation plans are in place.

Bill Pyle stated no trees would be able to be removed until after October due to the feeding season of the Grey Bat.

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Michael Tribelhorn asked how many trees would be removed. Mr. Beasley explained the plan was to remove all trees from the end of Runway 16 or approximately 28 acres to the property line at the railroad track.

Mr. Tribelhorn asked if the City would be able to sell the trees that are removed. Mr. Beasley stated that he was in the process of looking into this possibility.

The fourth order of business was an update on Fuel Sales. Bill Pyle provided the Airport Advisory Committee with documentation on Jet fuel and AV gas fuel sales for the months of January 2014 through March 2014. Mr. Pyle indicated fuel sales were in line with past sales.

The fifth order of business was a discussion on Proposed Tiered Fuel Price Incentive for Jet-A Fuel. Bill Pyle explained that the current price is eighty five cents above cost at this time. In reviewing the current price, he stated that some states, like Texas and Oklahoma, which the City competes with do not charge sales tax on fuel. Mr. Pyle explained that a Tiered high Volume Pricing would help the Pittsburg Airport compete. He explained that it is difficult to compare the price of fuel in the states that do not pay tax on fuel.

Bill Beasley explained with the High Volume Tier, if customers wanted to buy fuel local, the more they buy the cheaper it will be.

Michael Tribelhorn asked if the City received a better rate if there was more purchased. Mr. Pyle explained that the City currently received the fuel at the lowest market price from AVfuel.

Ron Close asked how the tiers were established. Mr. Pyle explained that the goal was to make sure the City didn't lose money with the lower fuel prices. Mr. Beasley explained the tier levels were set to encourage the sale of fuel so the gallons purchased will be higher than the amount normally purchased by local users now.

Mr. Beasley stated this would have to go before the Governing Body for approval. Ron Long moved to approve the high volume tier uel price for local only users only to run for the year of 2014 as submitted by the City. Gary Iori seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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The sixth order of business was an update on painting of the taxi-way lanes and runway numbers. Michael Tribelhorn restated that at night it is difficult to see and a lead-in line would be helpful. Jesse Hudson agreed adding that it is a little easier with the new lights. Bill Pyle reiterated he would definitely look into it and would see what could be done to improve the current visibility struggle.

The seventh order of business was an update on the State of Kansas State-Wide Fly-In/Pittsburg Airport Day. Bill Pyle explained on Wednesday, May 24, 2014 KDOT Division of Aviation is coming to discuss the Kansas State-Wide Fly-In. He has spoken with the schools and some of the 8th Graders will be attending this event. Mr. Beasley stated September 4, 2014 would have a presentation to the 8th Grade Students on the importance of aviation in Kansas. A group of planes will be going from City to City and will land in Pittsburg. The City will serve a light snack to the students.

Mr. Pyle suggested the following Saturday, September 27, 2014 be an Airport Day. This day would focus on getting the Airport into the public eye. Gary Iori asked if the Young Eagles could be invited.

Mr. Iori asked if there needed to be a committee for Airport Day. Mr. Pyle agreed this would be helpful.

Under Other Business, Bill Beasley showed a rough draft of a proposed sign that will be hung in the lobby of the airport. Ron Long asked if outdoor signs would be installed. Mr. Pyle stated that this was the plan but is still in the planning process.

Michael Tribelhorn asked if the land that was baled last year could be more profitable. Inquiring if seeding or fertilizing the area would help bring in more revenue. Mr. Beasley stated that there was a plan with the Utility Department to use some sludge on the area outside the fence however he would look in to the possibility of fertilization.

Mr. Tribelhorn asked if there was a plan to update the upstairs for a pilots lounge. Mr. Beasley stated this has been discussed. Plans still need to be drawn up and funds need to become available.

There being no further business to be discussed, Ron Long moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 p.m. This motion was seconded by Ron Close and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Holtzman
Administrative Assistant of Public Works