

MINUTES AIRPORT COMMISSION

APRIL 24, 2013

Chairperson Steve Brown called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Commission members present were Gene Beavers and Larry Bollman. Phil Bailey and Renee Eckerly were absent. Others present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; and Ashley Alsum, Cable Coordinator.

Motion was made by Beavers to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2013 Airport Commission Meeting with one correction being Phil Bailey was absent not Steve Brown. Seconded by Bollman and unanimously carried.

LED WINDSOCK PROGRAM

A letter from aeronautics explained the program where MnDOT provides all the equipment and the City is required to install it. This program would save the City approximately \$100.00 a year in power consumption. It was noted that the City has responded to the program.

MEMBER REPLACEMENT

Several people were discussed and the names will be forwarded to the Mayor.

FLY IN

Possible activities were discussed:

1. Bill Cowden and Darrell Massman at the cost of \$4,800.00; members noted that this is out of our budget.
2. Tether balloon rides at the cost of \$750.00 for one hour due to heat and wind this only operates until 8:30 a.m. and this will require 6 to 8 volunteers.
3. Westside skydivers; waiting for a response.
4. North American flight team at the cost of \$400.00 per plane; members felt this is expensive for what we get.
5. Fagen Fighters WWII museum; waiting for a response. The Commission wants to pursue this option.
6. Rob Ator with Fagen Air Show with a Pitts at the cost of \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00; members discussed that this is within the budget and it may be an incentive for Fagen Fighter to also be here. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Beavers to contact Rob Ator for the 2013 Air Show at the cost of \$1,000.00 - \$1,500.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Bollman and unanimously carried.

LAND ACQUISITION

It was noted that the City has a Land Acquisition Committee set up and they are working on negotiations with the land owner.

REHAB OF FUEL SYSTEM

It was reported that the credit card system has given the City issues and needs to be upgraded. Two contractors have given the City quotes for replacing the units, each at approximately \$12,000.00. Members felt this was unreasonably high and the Commission should revisit the issue and see if there are other options. It was suggested to build a shelter over the unit to protect it from the weather.

ZONING

DeWolf reported that this is a 2013 project and they are starting the process of re-zoning as per the Airport Layout Plan.

PAPI & REIL

DeWolf reported that all the work is complete and the City is waiting on FAA to inspect and certify the installation.

SPECIAL MEETING

Members requested a special meeting be set for May 22, 2013 to review the Fly In Task List.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.