

MINUTES AIRPORT COMMISSION

APRIL 27, 2011

Bert Stanley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Steve Brown, Gene Beavers, and Larry Bollman. Phil Bailey and Renee Eckerly were absent. Also present were Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc; Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; Stephanie Hormann, Cable Coordinator; and Tim Mahoney.

Motion was made by Beavers to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2011 Airport Commission Meeting. Seconded by Brown and unanimously carried.

AIRPORT ZONING

It was explained to the members that the Zoning Board has recommended proceeding with updating the Airport Zoning Ordinance. The Council asked that the Airport Commission visit the issue and see if it could be delayed. Members asked that this be back on the next regular meeting.

2011 FLY IN

Two attractions for the Fly In were presented:

- The North American Flight Team - they will bring in up to 4 planes at a designated time. Spectators can tour the aircrafts, and they will depart at a designated time and fly several formations.
- The Aircraft Simulator - members discussed charging for the simulator.

The Commission discussed how to pay for these attractions. It was noted the Friends of the Airport group are organizing and the proceeds from the breakfast will go towards the fly in and donations may also be needed.

Motion was made by Beavers to secure the North American Flight Team with 3 Planes and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Bollman and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Brown to book the simulator for the Fly In and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Bollman and unanimously carried.

The task list was also reviewed and jobs assigned.

SLURRY SEAL

DeWolf updated the Commission on the following:

1. The FAA will only pay for a 20' taxiway width, the City's taxiway is 40' and was designed and approved by the FAA. Members felt strongly the FAA should pay for 40' since the FAA designed and approved it.
2. The FAA will not pay for the section in front and back of the original hanger, being it was constructed with MNDOT funds. DeWolf noted MNDOT will pay on a 50:50 basis.

3. The FAA will also not cover the pads in front of the private hangers.

Members discussed these areas noting the three areas to be a very small portion of the project. The local share is 5% or approximately \$8,000.00 if the City covers all the areas the FAA does not; the local share would be approximately \$15,000.00 – \$20,000.00. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Beavers to submit a letter to the FAA requesting funding on the taxiway for the full 40' width. Seconded by Brown and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Brown to proceed with the Slurry Seal; noting these sections can be deleted if funding can't be secured and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Bollman and unanimously carried.

LAND REIMBURSEMENT

It was noted that Stanley, DeWolf, and Mergen went to St. Paul to testify at the Senate and House Committee Hearings where a bill was introduced to allow the City to keep the money and use it for future airport projects i.e. land purchase. The City has not been informed of the bill's progress to date.

HANGAR REQUEST - FURMAN

The letter from Joe Furman was reviewed and it was noted that he is 5th or 6th on the list to move to a south side of the hanger.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.