

MINUTES AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 29, 2015

Bob McDaniel called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Commission members present were Steve Whitcomb, Matt Larson, and Donavan Mayer. Aaron Kranz was absent. Advisory members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director and Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Motion was made by Mayer to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 Airport Commission meeting. Seconded by McDaniel and unanimously carried.

AIRPORT CIP

DeWolf reviewed the current Capital Improvement Plan. The next major project will be to purchase property in 2016 - 2017 and construct hangars (8 or 10 units) in 2017 – 2018. DeWolf also explained the loaning of entitlement funds to Faribault. The City will receive this money back when the City constructs its new hangar or for another project. Over the last several years the City has had 8 pilots on the waiting list for hangar space. Members asked if the City could move the hangars up on the list; if that was done the City would have to find another funding source as the hangars are estimated at over a million dollars.

FLY IN

The representative from Fly Line had to cancel. Members asked to reschedule him for an August meeting.

PILOT TRAINING

Larson updated the Commission stating that he is certified to instruct a ground school and is working on his flight instructor license. Sponsoring a pilot flight school was discussed. For the ground training it would cost an estimate of \$400.00 for the flight training and would cost the students \$120.00 per hour for 20 hours and \$75.00 per hour for another 15 – 20 hours. The first item needed would be a plane and a place to store the plane.

ZONING UPDATE

DeWolf updated the Commission on the zoning issues, mainly regarding the easterly area in the Fly Zone B. With the runway expansion to 4,450 feet this zone extends in an undeveloped area of a future potential housing area. MnDOT rules are a housing density of not less than 3 acres per home, which would guarantee the property would likely never come into the City and the City would lose the tax base. Members discussed options:

- Reduce the ultimate runway length to 4,000 feet
- Extend the runway west and deal with the power line
- Proceed with the zoning as proposed

Members requested more information on each option.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.