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Airport Advisory Board (ABB) August 20, 2013

The Airport Advisory Board of the City of Fulton, Missouri met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2013. The meeting took place in the Executive Conference Room on the top level of City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Those present included:

- Members of the Board: David Clapp, Donnie Grimm, Gene Allen, Mike Basnett.
- Ex-Officio members: City Engineer, Greg Hayes.
- Absent were: Lisle Moore, Leemer Cernohlavek, Jim Nurrenbern. Representing Travis St. John was Lucy St. John.
- Visitors: Councilman, Mike West, Andy Huey, Ted Forrest, Dave Hollabaugh, Allen Hollinsworth, A.J. Stricker.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Visitors wanted to discuss the addition of an AWOS system. They agreed to wait until Item #9 on the agenda to make their comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Basnett made a motion to accept the minutes of the last Airport Advisory Board meeting held on August 27, 2012. Gene Allen seconded. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM REGIONAL AIRPORT REPRESENTATIVE---Gene Allen

Mr. Allen handed out minutes from the Airport Advisory Board Meeting at the Columbia Regional Airport that was held on August 7, 2013.

REPORT FROM CITY ENGINEER---Greg Hayes

- Fuel Tank The City's Traffic Department has finished painting the fuel tank. Travis installed the hazard indication stickers. We are expecting a tank inspection from the Above Ground Storage Tank people sometime this year. The painting has made the tank look much better.
- Budget Mr. Hayes presented copies of the General Ledger for Jan. – July of 2012 & 2013; a General Ledger Balance Sheet for the fiscal year of 2012; two reports that detail the Airport's operating budget from 2010 – 2013 and a proposed 2014 operating budget; and the 2014 Capital Budget Requests.
 - Gas sales are down from this time last year. In looking over this line item of past budgets, last year's gas sales were exceptionally higher than normal. Board members speculated that the mild winter weather had folks up in planes more.
 - Mr. Hayes has already submitted the 2014 Capital Budget Request to the City Council.
 - City Administration told Mr. Hayes that although the figures on paper look like the Airport has a positive operating balance of \$35,000.00 in reality the Airport is \$1.8

million dollars indebted to the City. Several participants had trouble understanding the concept of the Cash on Hand debt.

- Mr. Huey questioned the selection of CIP projects for next year's budget. Mr. Hayes explained that the AWOS system was selected for the low overall improvement cost and the runway design was selected because of deficiencies and overall surface condition of the runway.
- Consultant
Mr. Hayes advertised for a new consultant and received 4 replies. We chose Crawford, Murphy, & Tillie as our new consultant. Ty Sanders is our representative from the company.

REPORT FROM AIRPORT MANAGER---Travis St. John

- Mrs. St. John sat in for her husband. The only issue at the Airport right now is getting the hay bales removed and the rest of the hay cut down. It was suggested that we give the farmer a deadline to have them removed then start selling the bales. Mr. Hayes stated that a 2nd farmer was supposed to cut the remainder of the hay. Lucy said this has not been done. Mr. Hayes will check into this. He said that the rest will get mowed even if the City has to do it. Mrs. St. John did say that the MoDOT inspector noted the length of the grass.

REPORT FROM KPA---Leemer Cernohlavek

There was no official report since Mr. Cernohlavek was not present. Mrs. St. John said the Pancake Breakfast Fly In raised over \$1,200.00 for scholarships.

AWOS VS RUNWAY 06-24 PROJECT SELECTION

Mr. Hayes explained that he needs direction on what project the AAB feels is imperative to the airfield. Mr. Hayes explained that with the new AWOS system there will be a yearly certification fee of \$4,000 that would need to be added into the operating budget for the airport, and once again he stated the overall financial statement of the airport. Mr. Hayes said the City has suggested increasing their hangar lease rates to cover the additional operating cost and also help pay down some of the Cash on Hand Debt. Mr. Hayes went on to explain that there is only enough money to begin the Runway 06-24 design. Even if we spent all of our yearly allotted money we still wouldn't have enough money to rehabilitate Runway 06-24.

Mr. Clapp said the hangars are priced at what he feels like the market could bare. Participant, Dave Hollabaugh spoke up and said he didn't feel like the additional costs for the AWOS should be borne by the airfield, but should also be shared by the transient aircraft owners as well. He feels like the airport would benefit more from raising the fuel surcharge by \$0.25 per gallon and by increasing the tie-down fees. At this point there was a lot discussion about what the airfield needed with two participants questioning if the AWOS is needed. One participant thought our terminal was a disgrace and needed to be replaced. It was explained that before Federal funds could be spent on the terminal the City would need to improve ALL of our airfield deficiencies. One participant thought we need more hangars. Mr. Hayes explained that this is a LOAN, a loan with a 10 year payoff, a loan with a payment of over \$40,000 a year. That is \$10,000 a year in the hole, for ten years that IS \$100,000 MORE THE CITY IS IN DEBT! Later in the discussion Mr. Huey suggested raising the hangar rent \$10. No action was taken on this idea.

Mr. Clapp stated that he thought the airfield would be better utilized by commercial jets if we had an AWOS system. He said the AWOS system is listed in our Master Plan, and that the airfield would be more favorable if we had such a system. Mike Basnett made a motion that it be recommended to the City Council to support the purchase of the AWOS system. Gene Allen seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Donny Grimm and seconded by Mike Basnett. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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