

REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 17, 2018

The Airport Advisory Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Athens City Hall, 508 E. Tyler Street, Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Charlie Tidmore
Steve Grant
Sheri Robson

Thanasis Kombos, Public Works Director

others present: John Irvin and Janicia Evans;

with the following members absent: John Cain and Larry Babb;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tidmore called the meeting to order.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2018
REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Grant, seconded by Member Robson to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2018 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS:

There was no discussion.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no request for future agenda items.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR UPDATE

Thanasis Kombos, Public Works Director, updated the Board on the following updates:

- Staff attended a meeting in Austin with representatives from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Aviation. He stated the meeting was very productive and there will be a following conference call meeting with them next Tuesday
- Pre-development meeting for the pavement work to be done out at the existing airport. There are concerns regarding bidding the work out and attempting to have the work completed during the winter month. He stated that the seal coat especially needs a proper temperature.

Member Grant expressed his concerns with the seal coat.

Mr. Kombos reminded the Board members that the City is the owner of the project; with the contract being held by TxDOT.

Member Robson asked have the bids been awarded with Mr. Kombos stating it has not yet been awarded. He stated once the bids have been accepted and reviewed the contractor will be awarded.

There was discussion regarding the pavement project.

Mr. Kombos stated the only thing that has not been determined yet is if the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is going to accept the state specs for the materials. He stated that FAA specs are a different material that is harder and more expensive. He stated Garver has been working with FAA and believes the material is going to be accepted.

- Mr. Kombos stated that he has spoken with Carol Dyson from Dyson's Aviation about an Airport vehicle.
- Mr. Kombos stated that he had received a notice in the mail from FAA stating that there is a **structure obstruction** from the Virginia Hill Water Tower right off of HWY 19 S.

UPDATE ON AIRPORT MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. Kombos stated that there are no changes in TxDOT's opinion of the project. He stated that TxDOT representatives would like to come to Athens to have a joint meeting with the City and other interested entities to discuss what it will take to get the project started. He stated there may be some additional funding available for Airports.

Mr. Kombos stated that additional money has been set aside for Airport Improvement Programs which is the block grant money that goes to each State. He stated the money is specifically supposed to be used for Airports that are neither in Metropolitan Statistical Areas or Micropolitan Statistical Areas. He stated Athens did fall under the Micropolitan Statistical Area.

There was additional discussion regarding the Airport Master Plan.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

Charlie Tidmore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary