

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 17, 2016

The Airport Advisory Board of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 W. Corsicana St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to wit:

Steve Grant
Larry Babb
John Cain
Charlie Tidmore
Sheri Robson

Thanasis Kombos, Community Development Manager

Others present: Blake Wilson, Edwin Torbett, and Chip Perryman

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

A motion was made by Member Grant seconded by Member Robson to elect Charlie Tidmore as Chairman. A second motion was made by Member Tidmore, seconded by Member Babb, to elect Member Grant as Vice Chairman. Both motions carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2016,
SPECIAL SESSION

A motion was made by Member Robson, seconded by Member Cain to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EDWIN
TORBETT FOR HANGAR LH3 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Thanasis Kombos, Community Development Manager, stated that Wayne Adkinson of Athens Jet Center provided notice to cancel the lease agreement with the City of Athens for Hangar LH3, effective December 31, 2015. Mr. Kombos stated the only party still interested in leasing the hangar was Edwin Torbett. Mr. Kombos further stated the hangar has some limitations

as it was built specific for a glider, and there is only insulation on two walls, and no other utilities. He stated that Mr. Torbett has agreed to extend electrical utilities to the hangar. He proposed a monthly fee of \$210 for 5-year lease agreement with a 1-year option to extend, with a second 1-year option to extend.

Member Grant asked what was the lease price before; Mr. Kombos stated that it was \$325.00 a month.

Member. Grant asked if this price was comparable to the other hangars, with Mr. Kombos stating that this hangar is different from the other hangars because the lack of utilities, insulation, and the way the ramp was constructed to the runway.

Member Babb asked how many hangars does the City currently have, with Mr. Kombos stating that there are 13 T hangars with a one (1) year lease, with other detached hangars paying a land lease fee.

Member Grant stated after the initial lease looking at increase the monthly fee of fifty or sixty dollars a month.

A motion was made by Member Babb, seconded by Member Grant to authorizing the lease agreement with Edwin Torbett for Hangar LH3 at Athens Municipal Airport. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TROY HARRELL FOR T-HANGAR NO. 6 AT ATHENS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Mr. Kombos stated that most of the T-Hangars are renewed at the beginning of the year. This lease agreement would carry from April 1st to December 31st, 2016. Then the agreement would run from January to December like the other hangar lease agreements.

A motion was made by Member Cain, seconded Member Robson to authorizing lease agreement with Troy Harrell for T-Hangar No. 6 at Athens Municipal Airport. The motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Mr. Kombos stated that he and Mr. Rodriguez attended the Annual TxDOT Aviation Conference. He stated the networking was beneficial. Mr. Kombos stated TxDOT would be

looking for community buy-in and support during the airport master planning process and that the formation of Airport Advisory Committee will be beneficial to developing the master plan.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THE FORMATION OF A NINE-MEMBER AIRPORT PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND NAME COMMITTEE ADVISORS

Mr. Kombos stated his recommendation for the committee, recommending a nine-member board to consist of 2 City Council members, 2 Members from Airport Advisory Board, City Manager, Community Development Manager, 1 representative from Athens Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) and 2 representatives from Henderson County. He stated Staff has conferred and an initial thought would be to include the Mayor and Councilmember Elliott as well as Jess Laird from the AEDC Board of Directors. He stated that individuals, to be named as advisors to the committee, could also be included in the process.

Member Grant recommended that Staff should invite Ken Giesling to come and meet with Mr. Kombos and Member Tidmore.

Member Grant stated that this committee should be separate from the Airport Advisory Board. He stated that he views this as a separate planning committee.

Member Tidmore asked if the board would come up with the names for this committee, with Mr. Kombos stating that it would be his hope to get names before the end of the meeting.

A motion was made by Member Babb, seconded by Member Cain to form a nine-member Airport Planning Advisory Committee and name committee advisors.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN RELATING TO THE CITY OF ATHENS

There was no discussion.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S UPDATE

Mr. Kombos discussed the Financials through the month of February.

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Mr. Kombos stated that one of the classes he took at the aviation conference was wildlife hazard mitigation and that he has since determined that in the future wildlife hazards at the Athens airport will potentially need to be addressed.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 12th DAY OF MAY 2016.

Charlie Tidmore, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary