

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 11, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 a.m. in Worthington Regional Airport Meeting Room by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Ron Wood, Mike Woll. Absent: Honorary Council Member, Robert Ramirez.

SOD AND SOIL PROJECT - SAILBOARD BEACH

Mayor Oberloh noted he had requested this item to be added to the agenda to find out if additional information had been obtained regarding the project. City Administrator Craig Clark noted that bids for sodding and soil would be received on the Wednesday prior to the next Council meeting for the project. Council discussed options including sodding and hydro seeding, but did not take any action pending receipt of bids.

UPDATE FROM FIXED BASE OPERATOR

Cameron Johnson, Fixed Base Operator, provided an update of things happening at the airport, noting that while the aphid sprayers are here. While things have slowed a bit at the airport with the economy, Mr. Johnson said he believes the public is unaware of the amount of traffic that comes into the airport. The runway reconstruction project is going well, however a pilot landing on the other runway had an incident due to the crosswinds and pilot error. There are 26 to 29 planes in the T hangar and five in the other hangar. Discussion was held on trying to increase airport usage even more. Both Cameron Johnson and Rod Elsing told Council that hangar rent is not a money maker, but is basically just a service. Jim Laffrenzen, Public Works Superintendent, noted they have completed a rate study and will look at a slight increase in rates.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS AT WORTHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

Fixed Base Operator Cameron Johnson commended the City of Worthington for being proactive with our airport, and added it is important that as the city solicits businesses in the future the airport is marketed and highlighted, and that we keep current with needs as they arise. Remodeling of the terminal was a huge thing and business pilots now say Worthington is the place to go. Replacement of a fuel tank is right around the corner, and Mr. Johnson said they are looking at going to a 10,000 gallon tank as the current tank holds 6,000 gallons so they are limited to taking 5,000 gallons of fuel at a time. Having a larger tank would result in savings on the freight charges. The jet fuel pump is very slow, and doesn't have enough pressure to fuel some jets. The fuel is actually supposed to be filtered twice and we are now direct dumping. Mr. Elsing stated people are really using the garage space there and he would like to see that continued. Showers for the pilots would also be nice, and availability of some homes with hangars adjacent to the airport.

Mayor Oberloh suggested the Airport Board should do a five-year plan, prioritize their projects and give us numbers, and have Mr. Laffrenzen and Mr. Johnson do some fact finding. Mr. Laffrenzen also noted we will need to replace the card-trol system by June 2010 for fraud prevention, at a cost of approximately \$11,000. Funding may be available for that replacement.

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TOUR OF AIRPORT

Mr. Laffrenzen and Mr. Johnson escorted Council on a tour of the hangars at the airport.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk