

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
Monday, April 17, 2017

The Worksession was called to order at the Hastings Municipal Airport by Mayor Stutte with the following members present: Paul Hamelink, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Absent: John Harrington, Phil Odom.

Others Present: Allen Meyer, Jeff Hassenstab, Jack Newlun, Dave Wacker, Jim Howsden, Dave Ptak, Pete Kortum, Curt Smith, Roger Nash.

Moved by Hoops, seconded by Skutnik to adopt the April 17, 2017 Worksession Agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Scott Snell, Butch Eley, Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington, Phil Odom. The motion carried.

Mayor Stutte read the Public Notice - Notice posted on Friday, April 14, 2017. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is available. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and accessible to members of the public.

Airport presentation by Dave Wacker and Jack Newlun.

Dave Wacker, City Engineer, introduced airport staff and gave a brief background of when the City took over operation of the airport in late 2002.

Jack Newlun, Airport Supervisor, gave a brief summary of the operation and maintenance of the airport facility. He told Council that each year the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funds \$150,000.00 which can be used over a four year period for various planned airport improvement projects. He indicated they define projects in the Airport Layout Plan with the FAA paying 95% of each project and the City matching with 5%. Mr. Newlun reviewed building, facility and airfield repairs and maintenance done recently. He told Council there is still a lot that needs to be done at the airport facility such as asbestos removal, windows, security cameras for fueling area and fence repair. He stated medical helicopters, UPS, aerial spray service and general aviation are the main facility uses. Mr. Newlun also indicated they have a 24/7 self-service fuel island.

Councilmember Eley questioned how much the airport makes on fuel.

Mr. Newlun indicated they make \$1.00 on every gallon, which ends up being \$40,000.00 to \$60,000.00 a year. He indicated that the airport makes money on leases, farm crop, hay crop and fuel.

Discussion was had on the issues the airport faces on a daily basis and staffing levels.

Joe Patterson, City Administrator, commented that the challenge for the airport has been to make improvements to the airport facility as it relates to service. He indicated that the aviation community is diverse in their needs.

Councilmember Hamelink stated that an airport authority may not be in the best interests of the City as control would be lost but he felt the airport is a great asset of the City of Hastings and is used more than we realize.

Discussion was had on other businesses being located at the airport facility, incentivizing to attract businesses there, economic development being a vital part of the airport facility use, and looking at the hiring of a fixed base operator (FBO).

Councilmember Hoops questioned if the terminal building can be rented out for functions.

Mr. Newlun indicated it wasn't rented out but there is training that goes on and the building is used in connection with the training.

Discussion was had on future needs of the airport to meet public needs, address infrastructure needs and generating enough revenue to subsidize an FBO.

Mr. Patterson talked about hiring an FBO and about what the airport needs to be versus what some want it to be.

Closed session for the discussion of EPA and personnel.

Moved by Skutnik, seconded by Snell that the Mayor and City Council go into closed session for the discussion of EPA and personnel at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Scott Snell, Butch Eley. Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington, Phil Odom. The motion carried.

Moved by Eley, seconded by Snell that the Mayor and City Council resume open session at 7:35 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Scott Snell, Butch Eley. Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington, Phil Odom. The motion carried.

Moved by Skutnik, seconded by Eley there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Paul Hamelink, Scott Snell, Butch Eley. Sarah Hoops, Ginny Skutnik, Jeniffer Beahm. Nays: None. Absent: John Harrington, Phil Odom. The motion carried.