

SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 10, 2014

The Airport Advisory Board of the City of Athens, Texas met in Special Session on Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the City of Athens Training Center, 622 S. Prairieville St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to wit:

Steve Grant
John Cain
David Stewart
Sheri Robson

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development

others presents: Chip Perryman, Gaylon Addkison, Wayne Addkison, Stewart Cochran, Rich Flowers and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: Charles Tidmore;

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

UPDATE FROM PHIL BECKER, CONSULTANT/LIAISON TO TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION DIVISION AND
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Becker stated that he was anticipating meeting with Texas Department of Transportation Aviation representative Dave Fulton in Austin the following week. He stated that the subjects to be discussed are possible re-alignment of proposed new runway, proposed length and width of new runway and the extension of present runway not being acceptable.

DISCUSS STATUS OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS SURVEYS

Mr. Becker stated that he will get clarification as to why all operations reported on returned surveys are not being allowed to be counted toward the five hundred (500) total operations needed for airport expansion.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA:
DISCUSS/CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MITIGATION
OF VERTICAL PENETRATION OFF OF RUNWAY 35 AT ATHENS
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development, informed the Board that the City had received notification from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) indicating that there were possibly fourteen (14) groups of trees that penetrate the IAP Visual 20:1 visual surface for Runway 35. Mr. Crecelius stated that the penetration had to be mitigated by either lighting the trees, topping the trees or removing the trees. He further stated that failure to mitigate the penetration would result in night restrictions being placed on Runway 35. Mr. Becker recommended that the services of an arborist be utilized to determine which trees should be removed or topped.

After discussion, a motion was made by Member Cain, seconded by Member Robson to recommend to Council that the services of a licensed professional surveyor be secured for the purpose of locating, identifying, marking and determining the height of the trees reported to be penetrating the IAP Visual 20:1 visual surface for Runway 35 and then take the appropriate measure regarding mitigation of vertical penetration off of Runway 35. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.

David Stewart, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary