

July 9, 2019
2:05 p.m.
Newport, Oregon

The Airport Committee met on the above date in Council Chambers at City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway.

In attendance were Committee Members Ralph Busby, Jim Shaw, Mark Watkins, Ken Brown, and Susan Reese Painter. Terry Buggenhagen arrived at 2:15 p.m. Also in attendance were Airport Director Lance Vanderbeck, Council Liaison Dietmar Goebel, and Deputy City Recorder Gloria Tucker. Absent was Jeff Bertuleit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made by Busby, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Fuel Policy Update. Vanderbeck introduced the agenda item. He suggested the sentence AV-gas from Refueler will not sold less than \$.50 or higher than \$.70 difference from price at AV-gas Self-Serve. Painter suggested adding “be” after will not. Painter suggested changing the effective date on the policy to reflect actual effective date. Watkins suggested “per gallon” be added after \$.50 and \$.70.

MOTION was made by Busby, seconded by Watkins, to approve the fuel policy update with suggested changes. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Goebel asked when the Self-Serve would be back online. Vanderbeck replied it would be another two or three weeks. Busby recommended Vanderbeck and Goebel urge the City Manager to talk to a political representative at the state level and the state contract administrator about the delay in the project.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Vanderbeck presented the Operations Report included in the July 9, 2019 packet. Goebel asked what kinds of local contributions could make the grant application for rural air service in Newport more likely to succeed. Vanderbeck replied in-kind services from local businesses to the air service provider were needed. Busby suggested a press release go out highlighting that the city will apply for the grant application next year and the need for local business support. Busby also suggested Vanderbeck talk to the flight inspection and air traffic officials to move forward on lowering the minimums at the airport. In addition, the committee expressed concern on the length of time to test the water flow at the airport.

MOTION was made by Watkins, seconded by Busby, to request the City Manager encourage the Newport Fire Chief and Seal Rock Water District to test the system. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Bertuleit submitted a letter requesting information on setting aside an area for the future parking needs at the airport and weeding efforts at the airport. Busby suggested designating the future parking area at a future meeting. Watkins said the airport is limited on what it can use to destroy weeds.

Shaw suggested the possibility of purchasing a rolling fuel ladder for the airport. Busby and Watkins advised against investing in a more expensive ladder when there hasn't been any complaints.

Watkins asked about the long-term parking issues at the Coast Guard gate. Vanderbeck replied that most of the vehicles have paid for using the space, but there are two derelict vehicles that have to be removed by the police department. He added he will post a sign indicating long-term parking.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.