

**MINUTES**  
**Chapter 206**  
October 20, 2016

The meeting took place at the Yakima Airpark in the meeting room at hanger 1. There were 23 present.

- I Co-President, Lance Sorensen, brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
  
- II Guests included the new city manager, Cliff Moore and airport manager, Rob Peterson. The city manager gave a presentation which included the following:
  - A. He has been here in office for three (3) months.
  - B. He has an educational background and several years of experience in city government.
  - C. Most of his time at present is involved in city budgeting.
    - 1. He felt that the airport finances were in good shape.
    - 2. Sales tax revenue for the city have not recovered or had growth levels below previous recessions. Other sources of city revenue are property taxes, fees, etc. He and his employees are looking into new sources of revenue including increasing taxes to augment the city budget.
    - 3. The cost side included:
      - a. Public safety
      - b. Law and order
      - c. Reducing the general fund to match lower revenues
      - d. Reducing the level of reserves which are now 7% on the budget with a historical level of 16.7%. This effects the city's bond rating which is now AA-.
  - D. Mr. Moore also said that another major portion of his time was spent on housing the homeless. This issue has been turned over to the city by the county and is a management issue.
  - E. Mr. Moore's airport attention was based solely on airline flights and passenger usage. He was completely unaware of any General Aviation contribution to the city and has turned over the airport activities to Rob Peterson, who he meets with twice a week. Mr. Moore mentioned that the city council was not looking at the airport as one of immediate concern. The city manager and city council airport concern, if any, was based on getting a 5<sup>th</sup> flight of service from Horizon Airlines. The city government placed emphasis concerning the airport on public airline traffic and use.
  - F. Ola Vestad asked Mr. Moore if he would be open to an airport representative to the city government other than commercial interest representation. This representative would make council presentations about airport issues involving airport real estate management, planning for future development, taxation, leases, revenue generation from General Aviation, etc. Mr. Moore gave a very positive "yes" to Ola's request. Mr. Moore even gave the following direction for this representative and suggested that an airport advocacy board be established.

1. The presentations be given to the city council at council meetings.
2. That an advocacy board be created for airport issues.
  - a. This board would be charged with educating the council about the airport.
  - b. The board would give direction to the city on airport topics.
  - c. The board would be a liaison between airport users and create a conduit for discussion between the two entities.
- G. Mr. Moore mentioned that the armory on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue would be decommissioned and the facility may be used for veteran activities.
- H. Mike Bull mentioned to Mr. Moore the difficulty an airport group had with the city to refurbish and restore the original airport terminal. Mike mentioned that this difficulty and lack of interest by the old city manager and the council lead to the termination of the project. Tom McMahan introduced himself as the leader of this group and said that the difficulty lay in the perception that the restoration of the old terminal was viewed by the council as a financial enterprise. He felt this unwarranted perception came as a result of wanting to have the restored terminal include a sandwich shop. Tom stated the following needs to move this project forward:
  1. There needs to be one advocate in the city government to help move the project through the bureaucracy.
  2. The city-planning department must get involved.
  3. The airport management needs to be included.
  4. Compliance with standards from the involved multiple government agencies is needed.
  5. Emphasis on terminal restoration is dominant.Mr. Moore said that he would welcome looking into this project.
- I. Rob Peterson, airport manager, gave a small talk on the airport taxiway completion and continuation of other airport projects.
  1. All that was left to complete the Alpha taxiway was to install some taxiway lighting.
  2. Extension of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue will be starting next week.
  3. The ILS is operating.
  4. There are new approach antennas.
  5. In all the renovation the back course as been preserved mainly for airliner calibration and education for new student pilots.
  6. Some security gates, including ours, are going to be replaced.
  7. Next spring in April or May, runways 4-22 will have a slurry surface applied in place of a new overlay. This is to further help seal the runway's surface.
  8. Taxiway Bravo will have its cracks sealed.
  9. The airport markings are being upgraded.
  10. The terminal ramp area will be redesigned in 2018.
  11. Plans and budgeting are being finalized for 2 new snow removal

apparatus including designing and building a new snow blower.

III The drawing was held with the winning ticket number being 442366. It was held by Greg Robertsen. He collected \$26.00.

IV Due to the presentations of Mr. Moore and Mr. Peterson the remainder of the business meeting was canceled.

V Marv Pugh requested the secretary include his report in the minutes.

A. Our account has \$3605.00.

B. The breakfast grossed \$326.00 with an expense of \$215.00 giving a profit \$111.00.

VI The meeting was adjourned.

VII The program for the evening was presented by Phil Wells. His presentation was on fasteners. He also gave some examples of complications of incorrect usage of fasteners in his experience as an owner of an FBO.

Submitted by Secretary Dennis L. Franz