

Special Meeting
June 25, 2014, 5:33 p.m.
City of Oswego, Kansas

Present: Councilmembers Dee Brown, Kelly Vance, Bill Owens, Darren Tynan, Jane Rea and Susan Bringle with Glenn Fischer presiding.

Also present: City Attorney Rick Tucker, City Superintendent Calvin Jurgensen, Deputy City Clerk Renee Cochran, John Williams, Marna George, Carole McKinley and Karyn Carpenter.

A special meeting was held to discuss FAA grant funds that the city was to receive in reimbursement for the purchase of land at the airport. Mayor Fischer stated that the city had not been able to close on the contract. Fischer said it appeared that the FAA may not honor their agreement to provide the grant money that had been allocated to make the purchase. According to the contract of sale for the property the city was to take possession of the acreage after the seller had harvested the crop that was already in the field. Since no monies have changed hands the seller has harvested that crop and subsequently planted another crop. Mayor Fischer asked Attorney Tucker what options were available to the city.

Tucker said that the city agreed to purchase the land at a cost of \$22,000. An addendum was added that stated the city would cover all closing costs and taxes would be pro-rated, all subject to the availability of grant funds. In addition the seller and tenants would have access to the crops until July 15, 2014. It was anticipated that the closing would be in March. Since that did not happen and another crop is now in the field Tucker felt the two options would be to go ahead and close using city funds to purchase the land on the assumption we will receive the grant money. Tucker said the other option would be to negotiate an extension of the deadline with the owner. He had spoken with Middleswart and felt that he would be favorable to an extension.

Consensus of the Council was that they did not want to use city funds to purchase the land at this time. A six month extension would allow the owner to harvest the crop that is currently in the field and allow time to continue to work with the FAA and other entities to help secure the promised money. Council questioned whether there was a deadline imposed by the FAA grant for the city to have made the purchase by, possibly Oct. 15th? Tucker said he would check into it. Further discussion was that even if a six month extension was beyond the possible October deadline then the city would still have a couple of months to come up with other funding to make the purchase.

Brown made a motion and Rea seconded to extend the contract deadline to Dec. 31, 2014. Motion carried with Owens and Tynan voting no.

Owens made a motion and Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor Glenn Fischer

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk Renee Cochran