

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Joint meeting with Augusta City Council
Monday, August 27, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Andover City Hall – 1609 E. Central
Minutes

City of Andover

Members present:

Mayor Ben Lawrence, City Council Members Caroline Hale, Sheri Geisler (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Kris Estes, Byron Stout IV, and Troy Tabor. Council Member Clark Nelson was absent.

City staff in attendance:

City Administrator Sasha Stiles, Director of Public Works and Community Development Les Mangus, Assistant Public Works Director Steve Anderson, and City Clerk Susan Renner.

City of Augusta

Members present:

Mayor Kristey Williams, City Council Members Sue Jones, Matt Malone, Mike Huddleston, and Matt Childers. Council Members Holly Harper, Michael Wallace, Mike Rawlings, and Ron Reavis were not in attendance.

City staff in attendance:

City Manager Bill Keefer and Assistant to the City Manager Josh Shaw.

Guests:

Butler County Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Butler County Administrator Will Johnson, Butler County Economic Development Director Dave Alfaro, Augusta Progress Inc. members Dalton Patterson, Bill Morris, Willis Wilson, and David All, Augusta Airport Manager Lloyd Partin, Augusta Airport Advisory Board Terry Duncan, Harvey County Economic Development Mickey Fornaro-Dean, President and CEO of Initiatives, Inc. Troy Carlson and the Kansas Department of Commerce Representative Bob Fetke.

There were several citizens in attendance as well.

Mayor Ben Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Troy Carlson presented two reports compiled at the request of the City of Augusta regarding the possibility of an Augusta/Andover partnership in further development of the Augusta Airport.

The Council Members were asked what their interest was in working together towards a possible partnership.

Will Johnson stated the County currently has three airports, Benton, El Dorado, and Augusta and the County has not had any discussion regarding involvement.

Mayor Kristey Williams reminded the group that interest in developing a partnership would not mean we will.

Council Member Matt Childers stated he would be interested in looking at a partnership.

Council Member Mike Huddleston inquired what would the City of Andover bring and believed the taxpayers need to be involved.

Sasha Stiles stated the Envisioning Andover group (a citizen based group) has had this discussion with positive feedback.

Council Member Matt Malone would like an authority set up to purchase the property.

Council Member Sue Jones is not convinced in this effort.

Mayor Kristey Williams stated there is so much potential and it would be an asset. She added although there is ½ risk there is ½ reward in growing the tax base and creating jobs.

Council Member Byron Stout stated we are living and working in our communities why not team up.

Council Member Troy Tabor agreed with Council Member Stout.

Council Member Sheri Geisler believes there is a lot of potential in such a project.

Council Member Kris Estes believes there is also great economic potential.

Council Member Caroline Hale is also willing to work together.

Bob Fetke stated if the cities don't move forward they will be one of the few left behind current development.

Mickey Fornaro-Dean provided information regarding the Kansas Logistics Park in Newton, Harvey County, and how business support and partnership began to form their successful business park.

Troy Carlson stated a concept needs narrowed down with one, two or three options.

Mayor Ben Lawrence stated City staffs will explore ways to partner.

Mayor Kristey Williams thanked the City of Andover.

A motion was made by Council Member Troy Tabor, seconded by Council Member Caroline Hale, at 9:50 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Renner

City Clerk

Approved this 11th day of September, 2012 by the City Council, City of Andover, Kansas.