

ORDINANCE NO. # 686

"Airport Advisory Committee"

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE 537, AND TO APPOINT AN AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF SEVEN (7) MEMBERS, TO GATHER INFORMATION, DEVELOP AND PRESENT PLANS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, AND FUTURE USE OF THE AIRPORT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; A SAVINGS CLAUSE; SEVERABILITY; REPEALER; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, the City of Granite Shoals adopted a Comprehensive Master Plan in 2010, and;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Master Plan recommended that the City Council appoint a committee to study the future of the city's airport, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ord. #537, in March of 2009, establishing an Airport Advisory Committee of five (5) members, and;

WHEREAS, the Airport Advisory Committee unofficially 'disbanded' when they ceased holding regular meetings approximately four years ago, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council is currently evaluating the Airport facility to determine if continuing a private airport is the highest and best use for this public city parkland property, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to re-establish the Airport Advisory Committee, and add two voting membership positions to the committee, and;

WHEREAS, section 8.01 of the City Charter provides the Council with the authority to create, establish, or appoint such boards, commissions and committees as it deems necessary to carry out the functions and obligations of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides that the Council shall, by ordinance or resolution, prescribe the purpose, composition, function, duties, accountability and tenure of each board, commission and committee where such are not prescribed by law or the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that this Committee investigate possibilities for revenue generation at the airport, possible opportunities for grants to expand the airport, possible partnerships with other governmental agencies or aviation groups to promote and improve the airport, and/or recommendations for change of use for the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS:

SECTION I. FINDINGS OF FACT

All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City of Granite Shoals and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION II. AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. COMMITTEE CREATED:

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8.01 of the City Charter, the City Council hereby creates the Airport Advisory Committee. This committee will serve in an advisory capacity only and will have no powers to establish policy, regulations or procedures for the City.

B. PURPOSE:

The Airport Advisory Committee is established to accomplish the following purposes:

- 1.) To maintain operational data (i.e. flight logs) and to gather information related to the airport and to develop plans and recommendations for maintenance, repairs, improvements and possible future sources of revenue and use(s) of the airport.
- 2.) To provide reports to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council in order to provide recommendations for updates to and to ensure compatibility with the City's Comprehensive Plan. These recommendations and plans shall be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council and the City Manager.
- 3.) To provide reports from time to time to the City Council and city staff related to budget revenue and expenditures related to the airport.

C. MEMBERS, ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS

- 1) The Committee shall consist of no fewer than 5 and no more than 7 property owners or residents. Additionally, there may be one Council Member serving as a non-voting (advisory) member.

- 2) The terms of all members shall commence upon appointment. Any and all members will serve for an indefinite period and at the discretion of the City Council.
- 3) Members of the Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses with prior approval by the City Council.
- 4) The committee will elect from the appointed members a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
- 5) All committee meetings will be open to the public and shall be posted and conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- 6) A quorum is four members.
- 7) All members present including the Chair shall vote on every motion. A member who abstains from a vote, with or without cause or conflict, shall have their vote recorded as "abstained" but no vote will be counted for or against the motion as though that member were not present.
- 8) The Committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings which shall be filed with the City Secretary within fifteen (15) business days of the meeting.

SECTION III. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal of any ordinance or part of ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the City under any section or provisions of any ordinances at the time of passage of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of the same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals in adopting, and of the Mayor in approving this ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall be come inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any portion, provision or regulation.

SECTION V. REPEALER CLAUSE.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein, provided,

however, that all prior ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent that such inconsistency is apparent. This ordinance shall not be construed to require or allow any act which is prohibited by any other ordinance.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

SECTION VII. NOTICE AND MEETING CLAUSE.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and adoption in accordance with State Law.

Passed and approved this 8th day of March, 2016


Carl Brugger, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elaine Simpson, City Secretary

Approved to Form:

Brad Young, City Attorney