

Council opts for legal counsel in Don Scott Airfield proposal

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The city of Worthington is taking a much deeper look into the proposal made by Ohio State University's Don Scott Airfield, 2160 Case Road, to extend its northern runway from

3,000 to 6,000 feet.

Council passed a resolution Monday evening to make available \$10,000 to City Manager Dave Elder to call upon the services of legal counsel.

Attorney David Zoll of Zoll & Krantz LLC in Toledo is the man of the hour, the candidate

Elder said he would likely call on early this week.

Zoll's primary focus will be to provide objective legal analysis of the proposed project as well as its impact to the city of Worthington.

Councilwoman Bonnie Michael said she was glad to have an attorney on board to keep the

city well informed and protected.

"I think that it's important to get an independent analysis," Michael said.

However, not all members of council stood in support of the issue.

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Councilman Courtney Chapman said Don Scott's planned environmental study would give Worthington enough information to make an informed decision on the impact of the airport without having to spend \$10,000.

"It seems to me that we may be doing some duplicate work," Chapman said. "I don't think it's necessary."

But in a unanimous vote in favor of hiring legal counsel, Chapman having abstained from the vote due to a tie to the OSU airport, Chapman received no backing.

In other matters, council heard from Director of Parks and Recreation Bill Poling on current pass sales for the newly opened community center.

Having not been officially open for a few weeks, the center is already looking to staff out pass sales to nonresidents to keep under capacity.

With a current membership of 5,630 and a projected capacity of 6,500, Poling said something would have to give. He suggested cutting off

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