

MINUTES

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 10, 2022
Centralia City Hall – 4:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER- Smith at 4:00PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Burris <u>X</u>	Ulen <u>X</u>	Stevens <u>X</u>	Castellari _____
Mathus <u>X</u>	Moran <u>X</u>	Mulvin <u>X</u>	Murphy _____
Sensel <u>X</u>	Smith <u>X</u>	Sutherland _____	*Aarons _____

City Staff –Asst City Manager/ Economic Development Director- Sherman X

IV. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR GERALD “JIM” MURPHY

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Moran mentioned that the visitation is on Friday, March 11th and the funeral will be on Saturday, March 12th at 10AM.

VI. MINUTES – October 14, 2021 -1st Burris 2nd Ulen Votes: All in favor & None Opposed

VII. TREASURY REPORT -1st Mathus 2nd Moran Votes: All in favor & None Opposed

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Elmwood Cemetery Maintenance
 - a. Derek brought up that a new mower was purchased to help with maintenance. The Committee was agreed that a new mower was good, and to add a mulch plate to it to prevent grass from covering everything if the grass doesn't get too tall. In the future, it was recommended to purchase a rear discharge lawn mower

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2022 Flag Schedule
 - i. Mathus mentioned that we need to get more metal straps, but he thought we had enough brackets to hang the flags. However, the Committee feels like we need more assistance hanging up the flags than just a few Committee members. Additionally, flags with veteran's name tags on them need to be removed and sewed back on. Stevens said she would help to get the tags removed and sewed onto new flags.

2. Mine #5 Miners Dedication
 - i. This year is the 75th anniversary of the Mine #5 disaster. There will be a dedication on March 25th at Wamac Park with the laying of wreaths and a speaker from the united mine workers. Additionally, all churches and hopefully the carillon will ring their bells starting at 3:27PM. There will be the song by Woody Guthrie about the Mine #5 disaster played at the dedication and the names of those lost that day will be read. The dedication will start at 2:30PM and end at 3:30PM.
3. 2022 Memorial Day Service
 - i. The event should start at 10AM with a Veteran speak, patriotic songs being sang, and the laying of wreaths by the three mayors. The Commission reminded Derek to send out additional reminders to the mayors about the event.

X. OPEN DISCUSSION

XI. ADJOURNMENT -1st Mathus 2nd Mulvin Votes: All in favor & None Opposed