

MINUTES

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 14, 2021

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 <u>      </u>
Mathus <u>      </u>	Moran <u>  X  </u>	Mulvin <u>  X  </u>	Murphy <u>      </u>
Sensel <u>  X  </u>	Smith <u>  X  </u>	Sutherland <u>  X  </u>	*Aarons <u>      </u>

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. MINUTES – September 9, 2021-1<sup>st</sup> Sensel 2<sup>nd</sup> Ulen Votes: All in favor & None Opposed**

**VI. TREASURY REPORT – Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup> Burris & 2<sup>nd</sup> Moran Votes: All in favor & None Opposed.**

**VII. ONGOING BUSINESS**

1. Flag Schedule - Removal
  - a. Volunteers – Put flags up on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and take flags down on the weekend after Veteran’s Day. Additionally, it was noted that we need a good inventory of our materials status (flags, flag poles, grommets, and bands)
2. Veteran’s Day – Sutherland is doing an event at the VFW for Veteran’s Day. Additionally, it was noted that we should ask to confirm who the new VA staff member is in the Centralia office.
3. Elmwood Cemetery Maintenance – Sherman reported that he worked into the budget replacement of the bronze VA plaques at the cemetery and that there was funding put in for a new mower. It was suggested to add flags and flag poles into the budget for next year.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Cancel Meetings in November 2021, December 2021, & January 2022 due to lack of agenda items - Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup> Mulvin & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ulen Votes: All in favor & None Opposed.

**IX. OPEN DISCUSSION**

1. Vernell said the City should make more of an attempt to give information to Veterans about the various resources available to them. He suggested that we maybe do an information day at city hall for veterans. Smith suggested maybe doing the information day at the American legion or VFW to help with recruitment for those organizations. Ulen suggested we have the Centralia VA representative attend one of our meetings for introductions and to help provide information about resources.

**X. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> Burris & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ulen Votes: All in favor & None Opposed.**