

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 12, 2020
4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Howard Jones. All stood and stated the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Members Present: Ann Chappell, Bill Helpingstine, Howard Jones, Michael Mulvin, Jim Murphy, and Wayne Sensel

Members Absent: Vernell Burris, Butch Mathus, Hugh Moran, Bill Smith, and Judy Sutherland
Administrative Staff Present: Rose Aldag-McVey, Director of Economic Development

PUBLIC COMMENT- Tina Ford representing the Cub Scouts Pack and the Military Momma Network was in attendance and introduced Chris Holloway who volunteered to assist with flag placements

MINUTES – Mulvin moved and Sensel second a motion to approve the February 13, 2020 minutes as presented. With all in favor the motion carried.

TREASURY REPORT – Aldag-McVey reported the balance remained the same at \$3,089.23 as of January 31, 2020. Several members attended the March 9, 2020, City Council Meeting where they thanked the Centralia Elks and Ladies Of The Elks as they presented a donation for flags in the amount \$2,616 which was proceeds from a breakfast and bake sale fundraiser. Aldag-McVey also shared the 2020 proposed and approved budget. A motion was made by Sensel and second by Murphy to accept the report as presented, with all in favor the motion carried.

ONGOING BUSINESS –Murphy reported the test flags have not experienced enough poor weather for a recommendation on mounting to be made. Sensel reported pricing on good quality nylon flags. Chappell moved and Sensel second a motion to order four outdoor nylon 3'x5' flags at \$13 each; these will be tested for durability (2 on each side of Poplar near the American Legion, 1 on West Broadway near the Cricket store, and 1 near Ace. With all in favor, the motion passed. Replacement flags, poles, brackets, and bands are desired. Aldag-McVey and other members are gathering prices for both pole mounted and ground mounted flags. At least 70 flags were recommended by Smith for ground mounting in the circle area near the memorials in Fairview Park. Chappell reported that Phyllis Phelps is the individual who applies recommended Veteran's names onto material which is attached to flags.

The generosity of the Elks with their donation was discussed. The Committee would like to have a fundraising table at the Locust Street Historical Fair on May 2, 2020. Pullen corner is reserved for June 6, 2020 and June 20, 2020 for the American Legion Auxiliary, the DAR at ACE Hardware, someone at Buchheit, and someone at the Post Office for solicitation. If enough volunteers are available, someone will also be at Walmart.

The revised flag placement schedule was reviewed and approved. Adding flags to the light poles along the overpass was suggested. Aldag-McVey will check regarding approval and bucket truck availability.

The essay contest, as promotion of the 4th of July parade was discussed. The theme suggested was, 'What does the American flag mean to you?'. A letter will go to area schools regarding the 8th grade essay contest with a deadline of April 23. No update on the local church which Smith invited to attend the meeting as they had expressed an interest in offering lunch after the 4th of July Parade.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OPEN DISCUSSION – The quantity and variety of new businesses which are opening locally was discussed.

Respectfully Submitted, Rose Aldag-McVey, Director of Economic Development, City of Centralia