

MINUTES

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 13th, 2023

Centralia City Hall – 4:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Burris X Ulen X Stevens X Castellari _____
Mathus X Moran X Mulvin _____ *Murphy _____
Sensel X Smith X*arrived 4:14 Sutherland _____ *Aarons _____
Berning _____

City Staff –City Clerk – Enke X

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

V. MINUTES – March 9, 2023

A motion was made to approve the March 9, 2023, minutes by Ulen and second by Moran. All members present unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

VI. TREASURY REPORT – No report

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. VA Informational Day

Vernell Burris reported that the local VA representative was currently on vacation and is not expected to be back until next month. Plans for the VA Informational Day will be determined later after speaking with the representative and working with the Legion.

2. Fairview Park – Patriot Updates

There was no discussion concerning this due to Mr. Smith and the Public Property Foreman needing to have further conversation about setting the sleeves for the poles and placement of flags.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. 4th of July Parade Discussion

Butch Mathus stated that he will have the entry forms in the coming weeks and at the next meeting the Grand Marshall should be chosen. He asked anyone with recommendations to share them with him. It was requested that the Clerk submit the request for the road closure for the parade. Mathus stated

that the solicitation dates at beggars corner have been submitted for June 3rd and 17th. He also stated that he would attempt to contact someone from Scott Airforce Base to request the color guard attendance.

2. DAR Recognition of Vietnam War Veterans – 50th Anniversary
DAR recognized the veterans that were in attendance including Ulen, Burris, Sensel and Smith by presenting a pin to each of them in honor of their service during the Vietnam War.

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

During open discussion Ulen was recognized for placing all of the flags along Elm St. in honor of the homecoming of Master Sergeant Wynn. It was also announced that the other flags will begin to be placed along the route in order to be up prior to Armed Forces Day in May. Clerk Enke stated that the flags that were ordered are available to be picked up and used. It was requested that bands for the flag poles along be purchased. Mathus was going to ask local retailers if they have them available before trying to purchase online or from another source.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mathus with a second by Burris. All members present voted in favor of adjournment and the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.