

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 9, 2019  
4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by Chair Smith. All stood and stated the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Members Present: Vernell Burris, Ann Chappell, Butch Mathus, Bill Helpingstine, Howard Jones, Bill Smith, Wayne Sensel, and Judy Sutherland

Members Absent: Hugh Moran, Michael Young (deceased) and Roy Aarons (Emeritus Status)  
Administrative Staff Present: Kala Lambert, Assistant City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

MINUTES - A motion was made by Vernell Burris and second by Ann Chappell to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting, with all in favor, the motion carried.

TREASURY REPORT – no report

ONGOING BUSINESS – Butch Mathus reported that the test bracket mounted on the wood has failed. He stated there was no damaged to the pole or bracket, but the screws pulled away from the wood. He thinks if they are affixed with a bolt and nut it should work. He stated he had more wood pieces to cut but would be getting with Jim Murphy and let everyone know day and time.

Sutherland presented a new drawing of the proposed Korean War Memorial, Sutherlands would like to donate the granite and it was proposed the Veteran Affairs Committee pay for the concrete and shipping which could be up to \$1500. A motion was made by Vernell Burris and seconded by Butch Mathus to recommend the contribution of up to \$1500 for the shipping and concrete to install the proposed Korean War Memorial as presented, all in favor, motion carried. Judy Sutherland reported that the Korean War Memorial will be installed by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and members suggested the committee unveil and dedicate after the parade.

Butch reported he is mailing out 42 entry forms today and we had 36 entries last year. He asked for the entry form to be added to the City Website.

Kala passed around the solicitation sign up for June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> and Bill Smith stated that the ladies auxiliary would also volunteer on these days. Rose needs to contact the post office to schedule these dates.

Bill reported the Airforce committed to a fly over heading west at 10:10 a.m. and then back east after they turn around. Bill reported that Rose requested the Honor Guard from Scott Airforce Base, but they will not be able to commit until a week prior. Members discussed back ups to lead the parade if they are not available.

A motion was made by Ann Chappell and seconded by Vernell Burris to nominate Bill Lindenberg and Bob Shelton as this year's Grand Marshal(s) subject to the Mayor's approval, all in favor, motion carried.

Prior to the meeting, members reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Essay Contest entries and made notations for their favorites. The committee received 50 essay responses from 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from area schools. Butch shared that the essay with the highest initials was titled "Day of the Red White and Blue" submitted by Zoe Dodd, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Centralia Junior High and daughter of Leslie Dodd. A motion was made by Butch Mathus and seconded by Ann Chappell to accept the winning essay, all in favor, motion carried. Kala stated that Rose would schedule the Pizza party and let members know the date and time. Butch stated for the parade they would need to get a car secured and a sign for the essay contest winner to ride in.

The flag placement schedule was distributed to members.

Bill Smith reported that the Memorial Day Service at Elmwood Cemetery is on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and noted that the ceremony at Hilcrest will be held on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS –

OPEN DISCUSSION – Judy Sutherland shared the condition of some of the flags that they put out at the cemetery and asked at what point they needed to be retired.

Ann Chappell reported that their Chapter of DAR would be hosting refreshments honoring veterans on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Calumet Street Church. She stated that a donation will be made to the organization who sends the most guests.

Ann stated that at the City Council meeting on Monday at 6 p.m. the Daughters of the American Revolution bought a flag and had Mike Young's name stitched on the hem to be presented to his family at this meeting. Members suggested it fly on one of the poles in front of the township when the other flags are raised on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Judy Sutherland suggested that we name one of our awards after Mike Young for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Veterans Parade in memory of Mike's support on this committee and the community. Butch pointed out there are three categories Civic, Patriotic and Family. A motion was made by Judy Sutherland and seconded by Howard Jones to make to make the Civic category in memory of Mike Young, all in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Vernell Burris and seconded by Butch Mathus to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kala Lambert, Assistant City Manager