

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Smith. All stood and stated the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Members Present: Vernell Burris, Ann Chappell, Butch Mathus, Bill Helpingstine, Hugh Moran, Bill Smith, and Wayne Sensel

Members Absent: Howard Jones, Jim Murphy, Judy Sutherland, and Michael Young (deceased) and Roy Aarons (Emeritus Status)

Administrative Staff Present: Rose Aldag-McVey, Director of Economic Development

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

MINUTES - A motion was made by Burris and second by Sensel to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting, with all in favor, the motion carried.

TREASURY REPORT – Aldag-McVey reported the June 1 solicitation brought in \$871.19 and the June 8 solicitation brought \$692.98. With the purchase of 200 flag clamps and brackets at \$2,005 the account balance will be approximately \$2,800. A motion was made by Burris and second by Sensel to approve the treasurer report, with all in favor, the motion carried.

ONGOING BUSINESS – After the flags were put up for display, two hundred brackets and clasps were purchased based upon a request from Bill Smith. Although not in attendance, Murphy told Aldag-McVey he would pick up the flag brackets and clasps, so they could be installed, and additional flags could be placed throughout town.

Over the telephone Sutherland gave dimensions for the cement base which will need to be poured and a wet set of the Korean War Memorial in Fairview Park. Smith will coordinate with City staff as they will pour the base and Sutherland will set the monument to be ready for designated at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Many thanks to Sutherland for donating the granite monument and for placing it.

Two ESDA and two Centralia Fire Department members reported their plans to participate with preparation and be involved in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The Fire Department will use their truck to fly the large flag either at the Fairview Shopping Center entrance or the judging area. Mathus mailed out 40 float applications. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade essay contest garnered awareness with youth and attention in the media. The Winner, Zoe Dodd will ride in a car secured by Smith. Mathus made the sign. Monken Auto has the sign for the Grand Marshall vehicle. Mathus has arranged for the judge review stand which will house the Sentinel, WJBD, WILY, and Shopper; he also reported the trophies for winners has been donated.

Moran has ordered seven golf carts, six are four seaters and one is a six-seater for a total of \$425. Aldag-McVey will assure Mayor and Council are asked to participate in parade and they will use the six-seat cart. The church has four radios. The Scott Air Force Base Honor Guard cannot commit until a few days prior to the parade. Aldag-McVey will contact the Boy Scout and Cub Scouts for back up.

Those previously recommended for Grand Marshal are not able to participate. Smith moved and Sensel second a motion to recommend Gerald Chappell, a Korean War Veteran, as the parade Grand Marshall. All were in favor and the motion passed. A special parade planning meeting will be Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

Aldag-McVey commented about Memorial Day Services and events throughout the area and how well attended and respectful the attendees were during the ceremonies.

NEW BUSINESS – With Mike Young’s passing there is an open position on the Committee. Smith will pass potential individuals along to the Mayor.

OPEN DISCUSSION – Mathus invited members to a Warren G Murray Center flag dedication ceremony on June 14 at 3:30 pm.

A motion was made by Burris and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting, with all in favor the meeting was adjourned.

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