

Minutes

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 9th, 2022
Centralia City Hall – 4:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Burris	_____	Ulen	X	Stevens	X	Castellari	_____
Mathus	X	Moran	X	Mulvin	_____	*Murphy	_____
Sensel	X	Smith	X	Sutherland	X	*Aarons	_____
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City Staff – City Clerk – Enke X

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. MINUTES – Ms. Stevens noted the name spelling correction needed of Mr. Rolves. A motion was made to approve the May 12th minutes by Mathus with a second by Moran. All members present voted in favor of approving the minutes with no one opposing.

VI. TREASURY REPORT – A motion was made to approve the treasury report by Sutherland and seconded by Moran. All members present voted in favor of approving the treasury report as stated with no one opposing.

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. VA Informational Day

The discussion included planning an information day for veterans at the American Legion possibly after Labor Day. Mr. Ulen stated that he was going to attempt to contact someone in Marion and the City Clerk was going to try to make contact with the local representative as well to come to a meeting and discuss any further plans. Mr. Sensel stated that he would attempt to also contact a VFW representative from Clinton County.

2. Fairview Park – Patriot Updates

Mr. Smith requested that City Clerk Enke have the Public Property Forman contact him to move forward on the flagpole sleeve placement at Fairview Park.

3. Flag Set Up Around Town

Mr. Ulen provided an overview of the number of flags that were placed throughout the city totaling an estimate of 150. He stated that there are still currently enough supplies on hand, and nothing needs to be ordered at this time. The annual flag schedule was discussed with a deviation planned to only take a portion of the flags down that interfere with the Halloween Parade pumpkin placement and pole decorations in October. Leaving the flags on Elm and past the tracks on Locust will reduce the time dedicated to placement and removal by the volunteers.

4. 4th of July Parade Planning

The Beggars Corner event planning to receive donations for the 4th of July parade was discussed. The collection will be on June 11th and June 18th. Ms. Stevens will also be collecting in front of the Post Office.

The quote from Little Egypt Golf Cars for the parade was reviewed in the amount of \$500. A motion was made by Mr. Moran and seconded by Mr. Ulen. The Clerk will be getting approval from the City Manager for the agreement and will forward to Little Egypt to finalize the rental. Mr. Moran reported that the carts would be delivered on Friday and picked back up on Tuesday.

Mr. Mathus stated that there have been 53 entry forms sent out with 6 already returned. He requested that the City Clerk place the parade entry form on the City website. She stated that she will add it to the site with the event information and also post it on the new City Facebook page.

Ms. Sutherland offered to run a radio advertisement about the event and entry.

5. Grand Marshall Appointment for 2022 4th of July Parade

Ms. Stevens contacted Mr. Vincent Rolves and provided a biography about him. Mr. Mathus requested that the Clerk contact him to connect him with the press to write an article and also to obtain a photo of him to be placed in the media. The Grand Marshall magnetic car sign was located and will be placed on the vehicle. Mr. Mathus will be ordering a plaque for the Grand Marshall.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Flag/Flag Hanging Equipment Order

It was determined that there was not a need to order any flags or equipment at this time.

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

It was determined that the committee will hold a special meeting on June 30th at 4 p.m. for parade planning.

Robert Moulder was in attendance and reported that he would be providing radios for parade marshalls. He also discussed the possible availability of more radios for events through the Chamber of Commerce.

There was discussion about a benefit ride that will come through DuQuoin and through Centralia. They will be stopping at the Fairview Park Memorials and more information about the memorials are being gathered for the speaker.

Mr. Sensel reported that the Legion will be holding another event in Fairview Park similar to the 4th of July Homecoming but instead a Labor Day Fest.

X. ADJOURNMENT