

MINUTES

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Centralia City Hall – 4:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Burris X Ulen X Stevens X Fontanez X
Mathus X Moran X Mulvin _____ *Murphy _____
Sensel X Smith _____ Sutherland X
*Aarons _____ Berning _____

City Staff –City Clerk – Enke X

- Terry Harris, Public Property Foreman was also present

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

V. MINUTES – May 18, 2023

A motion was made to approve the May 18, 2023, minutes by Ulen and second by Fontanez. All members present unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

VI. TREASURY REPORT – A motion was made to approve the Treasury Report by Fontanez and second by Moran. All members present unanimously voted to approve the report. Clerk Enke noted that a donation was made for the purchase of flag pole straps by the Legion as reported in the Treasury Report, but the expenditure has not yet been paid from the purchase and will appear on the next month’s report.

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. VA Informational Day

It was recommended that the VA Informational Day be held on October 28th at the Legion. It was requested that the Clerk reach out to the local representative of the VA office to see if they could attend. The members stated that if the representative could not be present they would have others attend the event with information.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Fairview Park – Proposed flag placement

As previously determined by the committee that the poles could be placed in the best manner as recommended by the Public Property Foreman with ground sleeves and poles approximately 10' high to hold flags, Terry Harris provided his recommendation to add the 5 flags to the entrance of Fairview Park. The cost was presented in the amount of \$643.58 for 5 flags and inground mounting kits that would represent the 5 armed forces. A motion was made by Fontanez and second by Ulen to recommend the purchase in 2024 and the placement in the spring of 2024. There was further discussion about the possibility to consider placement of more American flags in this same area with lighting in the future after the placement of the 5 armed forces flags in the Spring.

2. 4th of July Parade Discussion

Butch Mathus reported on the success of the parade event and the participation by the public this year. He thanked everyone that made the event a success and possible for the community.

A reminder was provided about the flag retirement ceremony that will be held on September 9th at 11 a.m.

Craig Ulen was thanked for his work to place and maintain the flags throughout the City.

Tammy Stevens was thanked for her work in conjunction with DAR for her work to personalize the flags that are purchased by community members in honor of Veterans.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ulen with a second by Fontanez. All members present voted in favor of adjournment and the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.