

Veterans Memorial Commission (VMC) Meeting Notes

September 10, 2018

1. Call To Order – 7:01pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance – 7:01pm
3. Attendance:
John Gonzales (Chairman), Francine King (Secretary), Michael Sanchez, Donald Philips, Mayor Pagano, Len Berkel (Advisor), Brittany Smith, Bob Saunders, Ben Watson (Youth Representative), Alderman Patrick Barclay (Filling in for Ald. Dave Thomas)

City Staff – Cathy Pratt (Staff Liaison) and Jeff Hutsler (PGS Group Mgr)
4. Approval of Minutes (August 8, 2018) – Minutes were unavailable at time of meeting
5. Public Comments
 - a. Ericka Oxford resigned as Chairman of the VMC
 - b. John Gonzales (previous Vice-Chairman) is new Chairman
 - c. Donald Philips voted in as new Vice-Chairman (nominated by Mike Sanchez; 2nd Bob Saunders)
 - d. Mike Sanchez provided updates on St. Charles Veterans Museum
 - e. Mayor Pagano recommended contacting the branch offices to determine if we can have a swearing in ceremony prior to/after the Veterans Day Ceremony
 - f. Mayor Pagano discussed possibly sponsoring a writing competition at the high school and/or middle school grade level – topic: What Does Veterans Day and/or Memorial Day Mean To You? Something to consider for future events. Too late for this years event.
6. Veterans Hall of Honor
 - a. Board accepted the recommended process as presented with small change
 - i. Board recommends cost of \$15 per plaque
 - ii. Existing plaque holders will be contacted; if they wish to participate they will receive \$60 refund; if they choose not to participate they will receive full refund \$75
 - iii. Old plaques will be removed and will be not be available to return (destroyed during removal)
 - b. Plaques and applications will be accepted through Oct 1 – In time for Veterans Day
 - c. City will send applications to Chairman John Gonzales
7. Veterans Day November 11, 1919 – Ceremony Monday, November 12, 2018 (observed)
 - a. Reviewed proposed schedule and list of participants – Agenda should be finalized at next meeting
 - b. Mayor Pagano suggested keynote speaker

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- c. Masonic Lodge #80 contacted the city and VMC inquiring about possible participation in the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony
 - d. Request for extra stanchions needed for the ceremony, city will confirm availability
 - e. Decorating City Hall
 - i. A recommendation was made to have local Boy and Girl Scout Troops to decorate City Hall before and remove decorations after ceremony
8. Pearl Harbor Day December 7, 1941 – Ceremony Friday, December 7, 2018 (observed)
- a. John Gonzales will reach out to contacts for potential speaker
9. Next Meeting – Monday, October 1, 2018
10. Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm (John Gonzales; 2nd Mike Sanchez)

Meeting minutes reviewed and approved October 1, 2018 – Francine King, Secretary 