

MINUTES OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Monday, April 11, 2016 5:15 p.m.

Present Ed Adkins, Teresa McCall, Chad Rose, and Brenda Bortell. A quorum was present and McCall called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Rose made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Adkins. All ayes, motion carried.

Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8 meeting, seconded by Bortell. All ayes, motion carried.

McCall reported on the funds that were raised at the Pizza Ranch night fundraiser in March and mentioned the next fundraiser date at Pizza Ranch is April 28. The committee is also looking at the possibility of an auction fundraiser to support the building renovation.

Nicole Behrens invited Mike Olson and Teresa McCall to be part of the Grinnell area non-profit group meetings. This is a good community connection with other area non-profit groups. They attended a meeting on April 7 (corrected 5/16/16).

The City Council held a goal setting session. McCall circulated a summary of the results put out by the city. (The building is mentioned on page 8.)

Old Business:

Nicole Behrens is going to double check the balance of funds held by the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation for the Grinnell Veterans Memorial Building fund. There are pledges that have been verbally made through the fundraising committee, but not yet collected.

McCall emailed the city clerk on March 7, 2016 to find out the status of the budget request made by McCall and Bortell at the Finance Committee meeting on Jan. 12, 2016. Kay Cmelik reported that no action was taken on the request. The city gave the Veterans Commission a \$10,000 budget last year (which expires July 1, 2016).

Kay Cmelik emailed McCall and Mike Olson to report that the soonest a tax levy vote could be held would be November of 2017. Bill Lannom will investigate this further. This levy is needed to maintain the building and keep it up and running. The first levy was passed in 1944 to help build and maintain the building.

New Business:

Building repairs/work day for inside and out of the Veteran's Memorial Building

will be Saturday April 30 between 8-5. Motion made by McCall to proceed with this plan seconded by Adkins. All ayes, motion carried.

There are some repairs that need immediate attention at the building, such as a door to the outside which is currently chained closed but can open a few inches if pulled. (Patio door on SW corner.) Howard McDonough was checking into a possible replacement door. (corrected 5/16/16)

Next commission meeting set for Monday, May 9, 2016 5:15 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn by Rose, second by Bortell. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting notes taken by Brenda Bortell. Edited/revised by Teresa McCall.