

**MINUTES OF THE VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF HAYDEN, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO**

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Commission Meeting: 4:00 PM
Hayden City Hall Council Chambers, 8930 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair Cosby: Present
Ian Johnston: Present
Jeffrey Snell: Present
Tim Turner: Absent

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

1. CONSENT CALENDAR **All items on the Consent Calendar are Action Items**
Motion to approve the November 7, 2024, meeting minutes. This motion, made by Snell and seconded by Johnston, Carried.
Chair Cosby: Yes
Ian Johnston: Yes
Jeffrey Snell: Yes
Tim Turner: Absent
Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 1
A. Approval of November 7, 2024 Veterans Commission Minutes
2. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS on Non-Agenda Items (5-minutes maximum)
No visitors.
3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Veterans Commission Recruitment **(ACTION ITEM)**
The commission talked about putting out an announcement for more members at the Patriot Pour at Lyfe Coffee House. Chair Cosby and Commissioner Snell said they would get the word out at places they are a part of. Vice-Chair Johnston mentioned running into a few people but none of them followed through with it, but said that he'd try to follow up with them. The commission discussed making business cards with a QR code for people to scan that would take them to the Veterans Commission website with the information on it and how to get them printed. The commission then talked about adding that they were recruiting to the Memorial Day Ceremony program.
 - B. Resources for Veterans **(ACTION ITEM)**
The commission is waiting for Commissioner Turner to talk about this agenda item. Commissioner Snell is going to reach out to Ed Bajarana, the founder of the Veterans Club, about the list of veteran-owned businesses he was compiling.
 - C. Veterans Plaza Maintenance **(ACTION ITEM)**
The commission discussed with Jennifer Arrotta about the plaza growing weeds in the spring and summer and maintaining it. Commissioner Cosby said he tried asking one scout troop he knew but would reach out to some more to see if they'd be interested. Commissioner Johnston asked if they were talking about doing it themselves or reaching out to the recruitment stations. The commission talked with Jennifer Arrotta about doing work

release with the sheriff's department. Commissioner Johnston agreed to reach out to some recruitment stations about maintaining the plaza.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair (ACTION ITEM)

Motion to elect Ian Cosby as Chair. This motion, made by Snell and seconded by Johnston, Carried.

Chair Cosby: Yes

Ian Johnston: Yes

Jeffrey Snell: Yes

Tim Turner: Absent

Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 1

B. Election of Vice-Chair (ACTION ITEM)

Motion elect Ian Johnston as Vice-Chair. This motion, made by Snell and seconded by Cosby, Carried.

Chair Cosby: Yes

Ian Johnston: Yes

Jeffrey Snell: Yes

Tim Turner: Absent

Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 1

C. After Event Review for Veterans Day

The commission discussed what went well and what didn't at the Veterans Day Ceremony. The commission talked about the guest speaker's speech and what things they might add or change next year for that section of the ceremony.

D. Veterans Day Decorations (ACTION ITEM)

The commission talked about getting some new decorations for the Veterans and Memorial Day Ceremonies.

E. Memorial Day Ceremony (ACTION ITEM)

The commission and Jennifer Arrotta discussed the Memorial Day Ceremony line-up and what was already confirmed. The commission and Jennifer Arrotta divided the rest of the assignments.

5. REPORTS

A. City Staff

Jennifer Arrotta and I, the clerk, notified the commission about the new commission report log that has been implemented going forward for them to report to City Council.

B. Chair and Commission Members

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cosby adjourned the meeting at 5:02pm.

Isabelle White, Clerk