

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

Thursday, June 3, 2021

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM Pacific.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Steven Guzauskis, Gary Louie, Roy Reel, Kenneth Smitheman, Marsha Meadows.

Absent: Charles Riffel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Reel led the pledge of allegiance

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

1. **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

No additions or corrections needed.

2. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Suzie said the next event we have is dog days and we may need volunteers. It is the 26th of June, from 11-2 PM. Chair asked if they could receive an email if help is needed. Commissioner Reel will be out of town and Chair Louie will also be unable to help.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2021 **(ACTION ITEM)**

Approval of minutes. This motion, made by Steven Guzauskis and seconded by Roy Reel, Carried.

Marsha Meadows: Yes

Charles Riffel: Absent

Kenneth Smitheman: Yes

Steven Guzauskis: Yes

Gary Louie: Yes

Roy Reel: Yes

4. **VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Louie recognized guest who attended our previous meeting as well as our Memorial Day event.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Memorial Day**

Suzie stated that she just wanted to wrap up and see if we needed to change anything or do anything better next year. Chair Louie said he thought it went very smooth, set up was done well and ahead of time and that his part couldn't have gone smooth without the help from

the city. He said he thanks everyone involved. Suzie said if anyone thinks of suggestions, feel free to email Suzie.

B. Kootenai County Veterans Council (ACTION ITEM)

Commissioner Guzauskis did not have anything to report at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Vice Chair for the Veterans Commission (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Louie says we will need a new vice chair and asks if anyone would like to nominate someone. He said he cannot play both roles. Kenneth nominated Roy. Steven seconded it. Marsha was in agreement. Commissioner Guzauskis, agree. Commissioner Meadows, agree. Commissioner Reel, agree. Commissioner Smitheman, agree. Chair Louie, Agree. Commissioner Reel is now the new vice chair of the veterans commission.

B. Monument in Hayden for the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (ACTION ITEM)

Sandra Coultrap introduced herself as a rep of the daughters of the American Revolution. She is very invested in women's service organizations. This year is the 100th celebration of The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. November is the actual celebration. She provided a folder of photos and information regarding the tomb, as well as the actual monument. She said she wandered around the veteran's memorial in front of city hall prior to the meeting and was very impressed with how the city has presented things. She would like to place the monument in front of city hall with a few plants around to symbolize a few things specific to veterans. Suzie points out that this commission is a recommending body for the council, so they could recommend it to the council then the council would decide whether or not to move forward and stated this is for the commission to discuss. Chair Louie described the monument for those who called in. Suzie said it would go along well with other things out front already. Sandra showed that the monument has 3 people on top to represent peace valor and victory. She briefly read what is engraved on the monument. Chair Louie said he thinks it is important to highlight anything involving veterans and that Idaho is becoming a very veteran oriented community. Chair Louie asked if the commission members listening online received the emailed photo from Suzie of the monument. While waiting for them to receive it he said he thinks this would be a positive feature to add, Commissioners Smitheman and Roy agreed. Suzie asked if this needs annual service. Sandra said they would maintain it themselves and not the city. Commissioner Guzauskis was in favor, he said this would be a great remembrance. Commissioner Meadows agreed with Guzauskis. Motion passed to recommend this to council. Commission thanked Sandra for coming.

Recommend this be placed in plaza. This motion, made by Kenneth Smitheman and seconded by Roy Reel, Carried.

Marsha Meadows: Absent

Charles Riffel: Absent

Steven Guzauskis: Yes

Roy Reel: Yes

Gary Louie: Yes

Kenneth Smitheman: Yes

C. 2021 Distinguished Veteran (ACTION ITEM)

Suzie stated that the commission needs nominations for a 2021 distinguished veteran. She thinks the deadline is September 30th, but she will double check that. There is a form to fill out to nominate them, and it should preferably be someone in the community. Roy asks if an Idaho native can, not necessarily a resident, or someone deceased. Suzie said she would have to check the bylaws. Chair Louie reminded everyone that once they have nominees

they'll need a committee to approve them and narrow down to 1. It was decided that Commissioners Reel, Guzauskis and Smitheman will be the committee for the nominees.

7. REPORTS

A. Staff Reports
No reports

B. Chair and Commission Members Reports
No commission reports. Chair Louie thanked everyone involved in Memorial Day, commissioners talked about ways to get more commissioners as they have 3 openings on the commission. Roy suggested maybe in the newspaper. Suzie will ask how they'd go about that.

New Business- Commission Budget. Action

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 4:39

Jasmine Ward, Clerk