

CITY OF MANCHESTER

MEETING OF THE VETERANS COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

A meeting of the Veterans Commission of the City of Manchester, Missouri was held at 4:30 p.m. on the 18th day of May 2021, on the video conference application, Zoom, for the transaction of such business that came before the Commission.

Present:

Mayor Mike Clement

Alderman Megan Huether

President Kay Bell

Secretary Bonnie Krueger

City Administrator Larry Perney

Parks, Recreation and Arts Director Kat Schien

Ms. Ruth Baker

Mr. James Francis

Mr. Bob Bell

Mr. Bill Pinkston

Mr. Bud Niebling

Introduction/Welcome

Kay Bell called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Ruth Baker made the motion to approve the Minutes of the April 21 meeting and Mike Clement seconded it with unanimous approval. The approved minutes will be forwarded to City Clerk Justin Klocke to be posted on the City of Manchester website.

Flags of Valor on Art Hill, September, 2021

Mayor Clement stated that the Manchester/regional team signups were at about 50 members, but another 8 to 10 may be interested for the dog tag and photo matching for the 20th anniversary of 9/11 at Art Hill. While the city is not actively soliciting for more volunteers, none will be turned away. With multiple opportunities to serve, which the schedule is get to be determined, it was decided to not limit the team. Anyone who wants to serve, but is not available during our efforts can be referred to Rick Randall to serve on a different part of the project. It will take place beginning mid-July. Megan Huether recommended having the city or a volunteer (Like Lee Presser) take video/photos from a few of our work sessions to promote the efforts of the city for veterans and to help advertise the 20th anniversary event. It was also discussed that the signups gives us potential volunteers for future veteran events.

Memorial Day, 2021: Update

Mike Clement reiterated that the event will be live-streamed on Facebook, with the Veterans Commission, Veteran Planning Commission and other key individuals will invited for in-person, but not the general public.

Hometown Heroes Banner Program

The final orders capped out at 24 banners for the 24 city poles. Kat Schien said that there are actually 48 poles, but each of the HTH banners will have a complementary banner partnered with it. At this time, the city may suspend the idea of allowing the veterans to continuing flying their banners for a nominal fee (typically \$25-\$35) depending on other interest it may generate. There are potentially other poles that banner equipment can be added to for additional banners. Bonnie Krueger said that Dr. Patrice Aitch at South High said they had poles that could be used as well. This may increase the number of banners the city can accept. The first shipment of banners are in transit.

Installation at Veterans Memorial Park

Bonnie Krueger submitted the information to Denny Griffith of Allegiant Award. The proof was not updated as requested, which came from Denny's vendor. Bonnie will resubmit after feedback from the Commission regarding the rank abbreviations being correct. The backing has hidden studs and the paper template, glue and mounting studs are provided. Masonry bit is needed to drill holes. Denny said he is happy to be there at installation to assist.

Veterans tent at Manchester's 4th of July and Homecoming events

The goal is to connect with Veterans, whether previously identified or newly identified. Perhaps offering them a free sandwich or drink may be the way to encourage them to stop by this tent. Mike will ask reps of the Kaufmann Group to see if they want to participate. The planning team may want to be involved with this.

Recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary from American Legion Post 208

The recognition event will be on May 19 at 1 p.m. Mayor Clement will read the proclamation. City staff, such as Larry Perney and Alderman Marilyn Ottenad will be in attendance. This is now in-person.

Additional Topics:

- Westley Moore is being transferred to Texas this summer, so Mike Clement will appoint someone to fill his position.
- Larry Perney said the open house for the home of the new City Hall is Thursday, May 20 from 3 p.m. To 6 p.m. for anyone interested in taking a tour.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Veterans Commission will be on Tuesday, June 15 at 4:30 p.m..

Adjournment

At 5:35 p.m. the meeting was unanimously adjourned.