

FORT CALHOUN ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING October 26, 2015
6:00 PM Fort Calhoun City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Judy Boyd, Chairman; the open meeting policy was announced.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Committee members included Judy Boyd, Rosemary Therkildsen, Cheri Oelke, Lori Lammers, Sue Newman and Amanda Schrum

Absent: Ginger Appel

Guests: Mayor Mitch Robinson and Linda Welsher did not attend the entire meeting but were available for questions.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read by all, a move to approve was made by Lori and seconded by Rose.

OLD BUSINESS:

Installation of a “patio” at the Elementary School historical marker:

This project will begin going forward with the following steps:

We will look at the site and determine the exact size required and get measurements to be submitted for an accurate bid.

The committee will look at various types of bricks and determine which kind we want to use. Plans will be drawn up and submitted to the School Board for approval. (We currently have verbal approval from Dr. Johnson).

After approval from the school board, the plans and cost estimate will then be submitted to the City Council for approval.

Bricks around the City Hall Flagpole Streetscape

Images of several ideas were submitted by Lori and Amanda. Pictures of proposed ideas were shown to Mayor Robinson and he advised that he would approve of any of the ideas presented. It was decided that the best idea would be a circle of bricks around the flagpole with river rock in the center. The committee will look into different types of rock to determine which would be the best for this project.

Fall Clean-up: Because we have not yet had a hard freeze the plants still look nice, so we don't want to schedule a time to take them down until after that time. Once they no longer look good, we will ask maintenance to move the pots to the shed and we'll schedule a clean-up date then. At that time we will clean out the pots and move them into the shed and do the raking and general clean-up of main street.

Purchase of a hose reel and lighter weight hose: The light weight hoses were purchased and after only a few uses, they blew apart. Lori will be returning them to Home Depot for a refund. The next possible option may be the purchase of hoses that are used on campers. They may be sturdier and can be coiled into a small roll.

The watering was made easier by the businesses that have allowed us to use their water spigots. Judy has Thank You cards for the Longhorn and the Cure. It was decided that after we put up the Christmas Decorations in front of City Hall, we will go to lunch at the Longhorn and then go over to the Cure to give them the thank you cards.

Winter care of trees: City Hall will be sending out letters to the business owners advising them to take precautions when removing snow around the trees this winter. We will receive a copy of the letter that will be sent.

We will install white markers around the bricks before snowfall. Judy asked Linda if the city could order the snow markers from Home Depot for us. Because we need so many, it may be difficult to buy them off the shelf. Linda advised that she would look into it for us. Judy will email Linda the SKU number and the quantity required.

Halloween and hot dogs in the park: Flyers have been made up and will go home with the school students on Thursday. Hot dogs have been donated by the Fort Calhoun Youth Sports Organization. Amanda will check to see what other items that group may have for donation and let Judy know. Committee members should be at the park by 4:00 pm Saturday for set up.

Christmas in Calhoun:

Lighting Contest: We will have a guest judge this year, Beth Dieterman has volunteered to help us judge the lighting contest, to be held on Wednesday, December 9th.

We will meet at 6:30 pm at City Hall for judging. Prizes will be: \$100.00 for first, \$75.00 for second and \$50.00 for third.

Decorating: Mayor Robinson advised that we should plan to decorate as we have in the past. Saturday, November 14th was chosen as the date to decorate City Hall, weather permitting. After which we will go to lunch at the Longhorn.

New Business:

Farmers Market: This item to be put on hold until later this Spring.

Fort Calhoun new Website: Lori volunteered to be the website contact person for the Enhancement Committee. She will fill out the requested form.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

A move to adjourn was made by Rose and seconded by Lori. The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2015, 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Cheri Oelke
FCEC Secretary