

Fort Calhoun Enhancement Committee

Fort Calhoun City Hall

November 29, 2021 6:00pm

MINUTES

Call to Order by Judy Boyd at 6:00pm

Announcement of Open Meeting Compliance

Roll Call: Judy Boyd, Beth Dieteman, Jackie Henderson, Lori Lammers, Cheri Oelke, Rose Therkildsen

Guest: Mayor Mitch Robinson

Absent: Coleene Robinson, Jean Welchert

Minutes from Monday, October 25, 2021 meeting:

Motion to approve Minutes by Rose, seconded by Cheri. Minutes approved.

Financial Report:

Judy reported that she received and returned an incorrect reimbursement check. She had purchased the Halloween hot dogs, buns, condiments and cocoa for \$168.78. The check was for \$668.78 which included the amount of the receipts for the VISA card. Judy passed around the receipts for items purchased during the year, which included those paid with the VISA card.

Judy received a new reimbursement check for \$168.78.

Enhancement Committee received a new \$500 VISA card for future purchases.

OLD BUSINESS

- Halloween Trunk-or-Treat:

This year the event was in Adams Street Plaza starting at 5:30pm. We had twelve decorated cars loaded with Halloween candy. The city partially blocked 12th Street for safety concerns. Next to us, the Presbyterian Church also had Trunk-or-Treat beginning at 5:00pm. We gave out 264 hot dogs in about an hour. Corban put up two tables which worked very well.

Next year:

- ✓ We would like to move the event back to West Market Square Park.
In August ask City Council to close 15th Street during Trunk-or-Treat hours for safety.
- ✓ If we are again next to the Presbyterian Church, coordinate our event times. Guests (from the church) were requesting hot dogs at 5:00; but they were not ready until 5:30.
- ✓ Request a Porta Potty next year.

- North and South entrances:

We removed the grasses in the entrance areas and now it has a neat, clean appearance.

In the Spring we plan to put down a pre-emergent and cover the areas with mulch.

Put up decorations in front of City Hall and did Fall clean-up on Suverkrubbe area.

Discussed the trees and shrubs growing in the bio-swale on Hwy 75. Follow-up.

- Welcome Packet:

Meet with Deb Sutherland to work on the Welcome Packet.

- Flowers and Fall Schedule:

The Sunpatients performed well and looked nice all summer.

The flowerpots and markers are in the shed for winter.

- **Tree Lighting:**
The Tree Lighting was a beautiful event, with the largest gathering so far, to watch the parade and then enjoy the Tree Lighting ceremony.
Judy gave out Lollipops from the Enhancement Committee.
- **Christmas in Calhoun:**
The Jensen Shire horses will again pull the hayrack(s). We voted to host a warming station at the maintenance building from 5:30-7:30pm.
- **Christmas Lights:**
Send nominations for Fort Calhoun area holiday houses to enter the Brightly Shining Holiday Lights Contest sponsored by Washington County Chamber of Commerce.
Call 402-533-4455 or email events@washingtoncountychamberne.com to submit nominations.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Projects:

Re-locate the Soldiers from the front of the Sievers & Sprick Funeral Home and the Conoco to the front of City Hall. Request approval from City Council, Joel Swanson, Stewart Sprick and Fort Atkinson.

(Note: Julie Ashton requested the grant for the Soldiers and the upgrades to the North and South Entrances while a member of the Friends of Fort Atkinson.)

Paint benches in the spring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION with Mayor Robinson opened at 6:30; closed at 6:45.

Membership:

Coleene Robinson and Jean Welchert have decided to resign from the Enhancement Committee.

Thank you, Coleene, for always posting any new or informative information to our Facebook page and other electronic sites. Thank you both for your help and contributions to the Enhancement Committee and to Fort Calhoun.

Submit potential new members before the next City Council Meeting on December 20, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Next Meeting on Monday, December 27, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Submitted by Lori Lammers