

Spirit Committee Meeting

January 16th, 2019

This special meeting of the Spirit Committee was called to order at 3:01 p.m. Present were Chairman John Moore, Committee members Carl McEntarffer, Lorelee McKee, Janey Avery, and Will Ritter. Committee member Anna Dovenmuehler arrived at 3:06 p.m. The National Guard was excused. Also present was Assistant Finance Director Stephanie Wells, City Administrator Mike Williams, City Planner Esmeralda Chavez, and Secretary Katie Elliott. Community member visitors were Becky Leslie and Cheryl Viola.

Cheryl Viola made a motion to amend the agenda to add discussions of the City Wide Clean-up Day and Operation Facelift.

Second to the motion was Committee member, Will Ritter, and carried.

Unanimous “ayes”.

Approval of meeting minutes from November 15, 2018

Ms. McKee made a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Second to the motion by Ms. Avery, and carried.

Unanimous “ayes”.

Discussion Jerome School District Community Event with Manny Scott- (Action Item)

Ms. Avery stated the Jerome School District will be sponsoring a community event with guest speaker, Manny Scott, who is an original Freedom Writer. The event will be held at the Jerome High School on February 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for the public. She stated he will be speaking with the High School, Middle School and district staff as well as at an open community event.

Discussion 4th of July Fireworks Contract – (Action Item)

Ms. Chavez stated Ms. Clark was contacted by a fireworks company out of Utah and they submitted a bid for this year’s Freedom Fest. She stated the committee has two companies to choose from. She went over the specifics of each bid. The first company is Fireworks of America. She stated if chosen, there would be a 10% increase from last year and there is two different options with this company. Option A, would be the same price as last year but less fireworks with a cost of \$9,500. Option B, would be the same show as last year with a cost of \$10, 450. This company requires a 50% down payment. The second company is Fireworks West out of Utah. Ms. Chavez stated their show would be valued at \$12,758.70 but they would give a prepay discount to come to a final cost of \$10,450. Ms. Chavez stated the City has not used this company before and if the committee decided to use them, the entire balance would need to be paid in full.

Discussion was held on the different fireworks shows comparing the different show options. Ms. Chavez stated the previous company already knows where they need to set up. Chairman Moore stated he was concerned if they used a new company, it would be a flop. Mr. Williams stated he is reluctant to change firework companies, as the last two years have been a great success and he does not want to risk it.

Mr. Ritter made a motion to keep Fireworks of American with Option B for Freedom Fest 2019.

Second to the motion by Ms. Dovenmuehler, and carried.

Unanimous "ayes".

Mr. Williams stated North Park is under construction and they are moving forward with the project. He stated construction will hopefully be starting in March or April. He stated they have an estimated completion date of June 29th. He stated he is concerned the splash pad may not be done so he wanted the commission to have a Plan B with the vendors if the project is not complete.

Ms. Chavez went over the budget for the Freedom Fest. She stated the City will contribute \$5000. She noted the funds rolled over from last year were \$3700. She said they are well on their way to the \$10,450 cost for the fireworks. Upon inquiry from Mr. Williams, Ms. Chavez stated the vendors for Freedom Fest go through Lee Family Broadcasting and the Committee gets the main sponsors for the event.

Discussion Jerome Spirit Committee Shirts – (Action Item)

Ms. Chavez stated the previous shirts were donated by the National Guard. Ms. McKee suggested looking into getting a bid from Accu Sales for new shirts. Ms. Chavez stated they would be different from the first ones. Mr. McEntarffer stated he would contact Accu Sales to get bids for shirts with the new logo.

Discussion Easter Egg Hunt- (Action Item)

Ms. Leslie from the Recreation Department stated Easter is on the 21st of April. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 20th. She stated they are trying to get 10,000 eggs compared to the 7,500 they had last year. She stated she already has a lot of eggs donated. They are looking for donations from candy and volunteers to fill. She stated they will need a lot more volunteers the day of the event as it has grown a lot. She stated she will be roping off two sections this year. One section being the 3 and under. The other section being the 4 to 6 year olds. She stated they would be using the triangle banners to rope off the sections. She stated they would also look into getting feather banners to indicate the areas.

Ms. Leslie inquired if the Fire Department was still interested in doing a pancake breakfast. Mr. Williams stated he would speak with Chief Presnell and see if they were interested. Chairman Moore stated he and Fire Deputy Harrison spoke about it last year. Mr. Williams stated he liked the idea. Chairman Moore stated it would be by donation only as they did not want to charge to eat. Ms. Leslie stated they would be starting the Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. and she was not sure if they wanted to start the breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Chairman Moore stated he would like to find out if the Fire Department would like to do it before they got to the specifics. Discussion was held on other Easter Egg Hunts around town.

Discussion City Wide Clean Up and Operation Facelift

Ms. Chavez stated it will be held on May 4th. She stated they meet downtown to help clean up. Ms. Viola stated she spoke with Larry Hall and he stated if the committee wanted to do Operation Facelift, he would need to get a group together. Mr. Williams stated they wanted to do an Operation Facelift at the City Wide Clean-up Day. He stated they would identify a couple of buildings. Ms. Viola stated she would let Mr. Hall know about the committee's decision. Ms. Chavez stated the event will be from nine to noon. She stated she will contact Washington Federal to see if they are still willing to feed the volunteer's lunch as they have done in the past.

Citizen Correspondence and Issues

None

Discussion Period & Staff Reports

Mr. McEntarffer stated Joe Mama's Car show will be held on August 17th. They are looking to change a few things. Mr. Williams stated the City is hoping to do a power upgrade in Veterans Park. He is hoping to have it done in June or July so it does not conflict with the event. Upon inquiry from Chairman Moore, Mr. Williams stated there will be a few power extensions, but North Park will remain the same. Mr. McEntarffer stated they are looking at reaching out to vendors early, on-line registration, new classifications, etc.

Ms. Chavez stated the committee member's terms were for two years and they were going to expire in February. She stated the National Guard decided not to renew as they did not think they could make the meetings with all of their training this year. She stated they are still willing to help when needed. Ms. Chavez introduced the new member of the committee, Cheryl Viola. She stated Ms. Viola is from the Jerome Chamber and was appointed at the January 15th City Council meeting. She thanked the rest of the committee for staying and helping. She stated that she would be stepping down and Stephanie Wells will be taking her position as the City Liaison.

Ms. McKee stated that Luis from Idaho Central Credit Union (ICCU) was going to try and come to the meeting to talk about having a taco event or a food truck show. Ms. Viola stated she spoke with the ICCU manager, Warren, about trying to combine the event with the Multi-Cultural event the committee put on. She stated Warren wanted to bring food trucks from all over to come to Jerome. He wanted to see if the committee would help him with it and maybe tie in some Mexican wrestling. Ms. Viola stated he is in need of a date so vendors would be able to make it. Chairman Moore stated he needs to come and present to the committee next month.

Next committee meeting will be February 20th @ 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Ritter made a motion to close the special meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Second to the motion by Ms. Dovenmuehler and carried.

Unanimous "ayes".

John Moore, Chairman

Katie Elliott, Secretary