**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

**Commission Members Present**: Tom Sauer, Cathy Sauer, Pam Fraley, Marla Yankey, Linda Sympson, Sandra Starr and Andrea Costilow. Nancy Crossland, Alderman, and Patti Carter, Park Board liaison were also in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**: Members stood and recited

**Minutes of Jan. 25, 2015 –** Minutes read and approved

**Treasurer’s Report**: Balance as of January 31, 2015 is $5059.90.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planters**: Cathy

* Cathy is shopping for new planters for the gazebo area. Looking for volume outside, not inside. A quantity of 10 is required.

**Anti-Litter**: No report

**Tourism**: Sandra

* Sandra reported progress on the stone cottage. The City is pouring the sidewalk off the front porch and plans for a back porch are under consideration.
* Eagle Fest if scheduled March 5 from 9:00 to 3:00. There will be children’s crafts, food tents and programs on saving the environment.

**Cemetery**: No report

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**Public Relations**: No report

**Take Pride Home Award**: No report

**Farmer’s Market**: Dave

* Tom reported Dave has talked to market vendors and they are willing to give the Visitor’s Center a try if City agrees. Nancy will talk to the Mayor.
* There is an ordinance outlining the criteria which must be met for a vendor to participate in the market.

**Banners/Christmas Lights**: No report

**City Welcome Signs**: Pam

* There are plans to refurbish the sign at the bridge.

**Old Business**: Tom

* A motion was on the table to retain existing officers for 2016. Officers are: President, Tom Sauer; Vice President, Sandra Starr; Secretary, Andrea Costilow; Treasurer, Pam Fraley. Motion voted and passed.
* Tom reported that Bruce Williamson is not interested in becoming a member of the BC commission at this time.

**New Business**: Tom

* Budget 2016: Discussion was held on proposed changes. It is recommended to increase the caretaker’s wage rate from $9.50 an hour to $10.00 an hour. The flowers/plants will remain at $2,000. Thus the increase in the budget is $100.00. Sandra made a motion to accept the amount, Cathy seconded. Motion carried. The budget will be reviewed and finalized at the next meeting. It is due by the end of April.
* Tom asked members if there were any recommendations for new members.

**Chamber of Commerce**: No report

**New Projects/Ideas:**

* Patti suggested consideration be given to painting a mural on the side of the Blankenship building. The owner has been contacted about this in the past and isn’t willing to go to the expense of tuck pointing the building.

Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Linda seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2016 at 1:00 pm.