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Melody Meador

Melody Meador, City of Durant

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEEP DURANT BEAUTIFUL
March 21, 2024 AT 4:00 PM, Roscoe J. Hatfield
Council Chambers,
300 West Evergreen,
Durant, Oklahoma**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Humphrey Miller called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Member

Board Member Candy Horsley

Board Member

Vice Chairman Phillip Hightower

Chairman Humphrey Miller

Absent: Board Member Kayla Mercer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Consent Items

To help streamline meetings and allow the focus to be on other items requiring strategic thought, the "Consent Items" portion of the agenda groups the routine, procedural, and self-explanatory non-controversial items together. These items are voted on in a single motion (one vote). However, any Council member requesting further information on a specific item thus removes it from the "Consent Items" section for individual attention and separate vote.

- a. Consideration of approval of the minutes from the December 21st meeting

The motion was made by Board Member Phillip Hightower and seconded by Board Member Candy Horsley to approve the minutes from the December 21st meeting.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Hightower, Horsley, Humphrey, Sudderth

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

3. Information Items

4. Administration

a. Consideration of Approval for the Downtown Dumpster Decorating Contest
The motion was made by Board Member Phillip Hightower and seconded by Board Member Candy Horsley to approve a downtown dumpster decorating contest.

We will need a minimum number of 10 participants. It will be shared on the city's website and within the water bills. They will be able to register online or come to City Hall and sign up. A mock-up of a dumpster is to be included in the application for approval of the design. We will be taking entries starting on April 22nd, and the last entry to be submitted on August 30th, then judging on October 15th. The design must be submitted along with sign-up sheets. It will only be for dumpsters for up to 3 yards. The review of the design will be done by Bill Sudderth. If something needs to be changed, then it could be brought to Phillip or Rick for final approval.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Hightower, Horsley, Humphrey, Sudderth

Nays: None

Abstain: None

b. Consideration of flowers and/or grass around the Unity Statue

This was tabled due to a partnership with Rotary Club to take over this part of the project. Once we find out what Rotary is going to do and if they need our help. It can then be placed back on the agenda for discussion and approval.

c. Consideration of Cemetery Beautification Project for \$600

The motion was made by Board Member Phillip Hightower and seconded by Board Member Candy Horsley to approve the cemetery beautification project to replace and buy some new plants for the cemetery for the amount of \$600. The Angel Statue has been redone, and she wants to replace some of the plants around it.

The City is going to put in mulch and Cindy will take care of the plants and water them.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Hightower, Horsley, Humphrey, Sudderth

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5. New Business

Yard of the Month: Bill thinks it should be brought back. He feels like it would be good for the citizens to feel wanted. We would need to purchase the metal signs or maybe 2 for different yards. We will need guidelines for purchasing the signs and how to pick the yards. The board members would be the ones that would be finding the yards. Since we only meet quarterly, we can decide via email the different yards of the month. It could go year round and transition into decorations when we get into the holiday season. It will need to be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

We could possibly put it in the spotlight on the city website and/or Facebook page and also have it in the paper to show that the city cares. The sign should say Durant Yard of the Month, sponsored by the Keep Durant Beautiful Committee.

Candy suggested having multiple large peanuts placed around town. Businesses could sponsor one to decorate them. It could help draw people into Durant. They could have it on the website for people to be able to find them for pictures and along them with who had painted them and the business sponsor of them. The Chamber is on board as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Board Member Phillip Hightower and seconded by Board Member Candy Horsley at 4:26pm

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Hightower, Horsley, Humphrey, Sudderth

Nays: None

Abstain: None