

West Liberty Business Association Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Liberty Gathering Place 7:45am

In attendance: Mitch Lingrell, President (LT's Uniquities), Katie Neer, Secretary (Solomon's Garage and Neer & Farm), Stacy Rees (Neer & Farm,) Jill McKelvey (WL Mayor), Jayne Griffith (West Liberty Village Council,) Jennifer Schwaderer (People's Savings & Loan and Historical Society), Shane Oelker (WL Police)

Minutes:

- Mitch called the meeting to order.
- Katie read the May WLBA Meeting **minutes** from May. Stacey noted the change to the name of All Smoked Up food truck. Mitch moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Stacey seconded it. Motion passed.
- Mitch shared the **Treasurer's Report** provided by Jon. See attached.
- Jennifer reported that the **West Liberty Historical Society** will be holding their fundraising event this evening from 5-8pm. All are encouraged to attend.
- Jill McKelvey reported for the **West Liberty Village**.
- Jill announced the Council is still looking at higher speed internet options within the Village.
- Conrad Hostetler's last day as Fire Chief will be June 30. Darin Leach will be the new Fire Chief and Steve Rabenstein will be the Deputy Fire Chief moving forward.
- The Village is looking for a code enforcement / zoning inspector volunteer. Applications should be turned in soon.
- Nominations for the Beautification Award should be turned in for the home that has undergone the most significant beautification this year.
- Jill shared an article about walkable downtowns. See attached.
- **Police Chief Shane Oelker** reported that the no overnight parking in the block of S Detroit St from Columbus St to Baird St. regulation will be fully enforced starting June 24.
- Stacey reported for the **Events Committee**. The May 21 event was a success downtown and at the Castle. Mitch stated that having food trucks and vendors throughout town brought more traffic to other stores and would love to see that continue. Katie seconded that.
- The **Liberty Fair will take place 3-7pm this Sunday June 13 at the Piatt Castle**. There will be vendors and food trucks set up, Castle tours, yard games, 19th century Independence Day style celebrations, cake contests, etc. All are encouraged to attend!
- The next **Vendor Fair Friday will be June 25 3-7pm Downtown** and will include an Ice Cream Shop Hop, outside vendors, food trucks, and more fun and games! The event is being advertised on social media and on the radio. All are encouraged to attend.
- Mitch made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Katie seconded it.
- ***Next month's meeting will be held Thurs, July 8th at 7:45am at Liberty Gathering Place.**

Katie Neer
WLBA Secretary