

**SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF September 18, 2024, MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ron Wehrmann, Treasurer, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members:

Present: Catherine Dumke, Karen Everham, Karen McLeod, Pamela Solomon, Janet Weber, Ron Wehrmann, Don Witt, and Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone (Helm Life Center), constituting a quorum.

Absent: Kevin Quasarano

Rita O'Farrell, the City of GPW Recreation and Event Programmer, and City Council Representative Vicki Granger were also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Janet Weber, seconded by Karen McLeod, to approve the minutes of the Senior Citizens' Commission meeting held on July 16, 2024. Said motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

It was the consensus of those present that the Senior Picnic was a success. Comments and suggestions included: holding the picnic on a week day was a good idea; holding it indoors, with outdoor space available, too, was also a good idea. The hours of 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM worked well. Suggestions for next year's picnic included having the actual tables be set up by the City personnel the night before the event so they would be ready to be covered and decorated by the Committee members upon their arrival the morning of the event. Water (get it cold as soon as possible) and iced tea were available this year. Reminder that lemonade is seasonal and needs to be acquired before summer is over. Agreed that National Coney and Wally's were very good. It was suggested that, next year, perhaps event participants could pick up their ice cream from the cooler on the way back to their tables with their food so that it would not be so hard and difficult to consume.

**Discussion Items:**

**A. Friday, December 6, 2024, Holiday Social**

A general discussion followed regarding this Commission's participation in the Holiday Social, resulting in the following motions.

Motion by Karen Everham, seconded by Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, that a request for funds in the amount of \$300, to be taken from the Senior Citizens' Commission Carry Forward Account #213-000- 674.320, be submitted to City Council to cover expenses towards desserts for the Holiday Social. Said motion passed unanimously.

### **REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**

Motion by Karen McLeod, seconded by Don Witt, to recommend to the Mayor the immediate certification of the previous motions for requests for funds of \$300, to be taken from the Senior Citizens' Commission Carry Forward Account #213-000-674.320, be submitted to City Council to cover expenses towards desserts for the Holiday Social towards the expense of desserts at the Holiday Social, and \$100, to be taken from the City's General Fund, for the purchase of ten \$10 Kroger gift cards as prizes for the Holiday Social. Said motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Janet Weber, seconded by Pamela Solomon, that a request for funds in the amount of \$100, to be taken from the City's General Fund, be submitted to City Council to cover the expense of the purchase of ten \$10 Kroger gift cards as prizes for the Holiday Social. Said motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The date for the Ice Cream Social for 2025 has not yet been determined. In light of the number of "no shows" at this year's event, the idea of charging a fee at registration (perhaps \$5 for residents) for this event was again discussed. It was also suggested the Commission meeting following the Ice Cream Social event be set at 2:30 PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were in attendance.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Karen McLeod, seconded by Janet Weber, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.

The next meeting of this Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 4:00 PM, at Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center-Community Center – Lake Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Dumke, Secretary