

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD HELD IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL, 1212 AVENUE M, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS ON THE 18th DAY OF APRIL 2019, AT 5:30 P.M.

Members present: Terry Batson, Bill Butler, John McManners, Mike Christian, Fernando Chavez, Liesa Hackett, Mark Robinson, Robert Tucker, Leta Reiner
Members absent: Tom Fordyce, Shane Loosier, Wayne Keen, Leigh-Anne Byrd Stewart
Guests present: Geanie McManners, Lt. Col. Joe Contreras

1. CALL TO ORDER – City Secretary Brenda Poe called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Board met to discuss, hear presentations and/or reports and potentially take action on agenda items.

a. Approve minutes of last meeting - The March 2019 minutes were approved without objection.

b. Hear reports from committee members – Liesa Hackett reported the Veterans Breakfast, held on the first Saturday of the month, is going very well with good attendance. She added that she is helping veterans register for assistance and a DAV representative is available to offer resources. She also added that the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum is proud to host the SHSU cadets Commissioning ceremony.

Fernando Chavez said the SHSU baseball team will be hosting a Veterans Appreciation Game on April 28. He added the Veterans Stole ceremony, held each semester at SHSU, will have 29 veterans in attendance on Wednesday, May 1st is at the Walker Education Building. Graduation ceremonies will be in July at the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum. Terry Batson apologized for his absences. He spoke about the American Legion’s Ladies Auxiliary annual Easter Egg Hunt being held on Saturday, April 20. He also talked about the Sons and Riders of the American Legion’s 13th Annual Chigger Hill Cookoff, which is the big fundraiser for the organization, being held May 3-4. He asked board members for any volunteers to help with the event.

Bill Butler reported the crew of *We Are Stronger* will be working on a TV series. Leta Reiner thanked Lt. Contreras for all his efforts since being stationed at SHSU.

c. Future items, projects, and proposals. – The May meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. May 16th.

d. Items of Community Interest – SHSU Professor of Military Science Lt. Col. Contreras advised that the awards ceremony and the Military Ball were being held in April. Contreras advised that he plans to combine the two events for the next year. He added that May 10th will be the commissioning ceremony for current SHSU cadets.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Brenda Poe, City Secretary