



4th of July Parade Meeting Agenda
West Peoria City Hall
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes from **July 11, 2023**
3. Old Business
 - a. Review the takeaways from last year
4. New Business
 - a. Review 2024 paperwork
 - b. Parade Route
 - c. Police Protection
 - d. Parade Handouts
 - e. T-shirts
 - f. Parade Announcement & Request Volunteers
 - g. Invite Special Guests
 - h. Trophies vs Medallions
5. Other Business
6. Next Meeting
7. Adjournment

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Notice of Potential Majority of Quorum of the City Council and its Committees

In accordance with the provisions of 5 ILCS 120 (the Illinois Open Meetings Act), notice is hereby given that a majority of a quorum of the West Peoria City Council and its Committees may attend this meeting. This event is designed to discuss City matters according to Committee descriptions.



4th of July Parade Meeting Minutes
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1. Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those present were Mayor Dillon, Administrator Krider, Office Assistant Zych, Alderpersons: Abraham, Dohm, and Mathewson, residents: Marilyn Anders, Dan Morse, Marlene Carter, and Priscilla Peterson, and Clerk Barnes.

2. A Motion to Approve the Minutes from **July 11, 2023** was made by Marilyn Anders and seconded by Dan Morse. **Motion carried.**
3. Old Business:
 - a. Review the takeaways from last year: This may be a bigger parade as it is an election year.
 - i. Traffic – Heading and Sterling need to have some no-parking signs as that was a bottleneck last year.
Continue to have two persons directing traffic at Ashland Avenue and Kenwood Avenue. Please note to those who are performing during the parade along the route and at the judges' table that they need to keep it a "moving routine" so as not to have gaps between parts of the parade.
Public restrooms will again be by Harold B. Dawson school, City Hall, and perhaps ask John Christianson if they can put one in his parking lot.
 - ii. Awards – One medallion per group for each of the 4 groups that will be judged: Most Patriotic, Best of Show, Service Organization, and Best Juvenile.
 - iii. Right to Life/Baby Fetuses – They will be reminded not to hand baby fetuses ***to children along the parade route.***
 - iv. Numbers in evidence for judging – If there is no number displayed, the group will not be judged. All those wishing to be judged should display their entry number by the first person of the entry or in the front, upper passenger side of a vehicle. Perhaps tape can be given out with the numbers.
 - v. As a reminder, tell Sign-in entrants which entry they are. Maybe this can be underlined or bolded in the letter for entrants.
 - vi. How is the Grand Marshall chosen? This will be decided by a 3-person committee. It should be someone who has served the City of West Peoria and its residents.
 - vii. What to do after the parade is over? Anything for community? This was not addressed.
4. New Business:
 - a. Review 2024 paperwork was done and it looks good.
 - b. Parade Route will be the same as last year.

- c. Police Protection was requested at 8:00 a.m. at the corner of Sterling Avenue and Rohmann Avenue.
 - d. Parade Handouts – There are still 150 each of Blue and Red Koozies.
 - e. T-shirts – There are several left, but there are a few that need to be ordered of S, M, & L that go fast.
 - f. Parade Announcement & Request Volunteers – in all the usual places.
 - g. Invite Special Guests – Bishop Tylka, Governor, Senators, and perhaps Civil War reenactors.
 - h. Medallions – there are plenty to use yet.
5. Other Business – Who to contact for commentary or live-streaming? Several suggestions were made and will be followed up.
6. Next Meeting will be June 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
7. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Abraham at 6:31 p.m. and seconded by Marilyn Anders .
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary M. Barnes, City Clerk

