

**MINUTES OF THE 4TH OF JULY COMMISSION MEETING HELD
APRIL 17, 2018**

Present: Angie Behnke, Kim Knaak, Gail Kovenbach, Terra Scott, Joel Sills, Richard Spear, Carrie Wisniewski, Melissa Drew, Alderman Drew

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Uecker, Mayor Tutaj, Alderwoman Schandel

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

Election of Chairperson:

Moved by Gail Kovenbach, seconded by Richard Spear to nominate Kim Knaak as Chair. Motion carried.

Review of Code of Ethics:

The Commission members all received a copy of the City of St. Francis Code of Ethics.

Donations:

Donation letters have been sent out to area businesses. As of today's date, two donations have been received. It was discussed that the Commission members could call businesses that didn't send in a donation to ask for one personally.

Bank Account:

The Commission has an account at Trustone Credit Union. With the switch over to the City handling the financials for the Commission, this account will need to be closed out. Gail Kovenbach stated that she can go to the Credit Union and close the account and then turn the funds over to the City where it will be deposited into a dedicated account for the 4th of July.

Approval of Expenditures and Down Payments for 2018 Event:

The big items that need to be addressed are: Band; Jo-Don Farms and; Fireworks.

- Band: 76 Juliette has been contacted. The fee is \$1750 to perform from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. Melissa Drew stated that she also has a contact with another band and will check into their availability and pricing. She will report back at the next meeting.
- Jo-Don Farms: Gail stated that a deposit is needed to hold the date. She is also going to ask Jo-Don and the inflatable company if they would participate for 3 hours instead of longer. KC Inflatables is \$1025 for the day.
- Fireworks: This is a year by year contract so there is no set amount that has to be spent. They can be scaled back if needed to fit into the budget. The money budgeted from the City (\$7,000) will be used for the fireworks).

A discussion was held on potentially changing the starting time of the events to 1:00 p.m. There is a huge lag in time between the parade and afternoon events. Terra posed the question as to who does the Commission engage the adults so they stay at the park. A bean bag tournament was discussed to help fill that gap.

Parade:

Discussion was held on how to make the parade longer. Angie suggested reaching out to other groups that are potentially participating in the Cudahy parade. The timing would work that they could do the St. Francis parade and then head right over to the Cudahy parade.

Fundraising:

Richard Spears suggested having a 50/50 raffle the day of the event. He was going to reach out to the St. Francis Lion's Club to see if they would do the raffle for the Commission.

Moved by Richard Spear, seconded by Melissa Drew to authorize the expense of \$7,000 on fireworks for the 2018 4th of July. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Moved by Alderman Drew, seconded by Melissa Drew to adjourn. Motion carried.

Time: 9:03 p.m.