

# Veterans Memorial Commission (VMC) Meeting Minutes

## March 1, 2021

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1. Call To Order – 7:07pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Roll Call: *Names are **bolded** for those members who were in attendance*  
**\*John Gonzales (Chairperson), \*Victor Ponce (Vice Chairperson), \*Francine King (Secretary), \*Robert Blake (Chaplain),** Noah Bond, **\*Joseph P. Brown, \*Jim Higgins,** Mark Hoernschemeyer, **\*Mark McReal, \*Ericka Oxford, \*Mike Sloan,** Brittany Smith, **\*Ricky Dinnella, (Alternate),** Bob Zahner (Alternate), **\*Len Berkel (Advisor)**  
  
Aldermanic Representatives: **\*Alderman Terri Violet**  
  
Guests – **\*Cody Walker (City Representative), Alderman Nick Trupiano**
5. Approval of Minutes:
  - i. December 2020 – Tabled to next meeting, pending additional information
6. Public Comments:
  - a. National Vietnam War Veterans Day – March 29, 1973
    - i. St. Peters VMC does not currently recognize this day
    - ii. Additional discussions to be had with the city to determine how best to recognize this day as part of annual VMC activities
    - iii. Cody Walker City Representative will determine if the day can be recognized on the city digital signage (March 29, 2021)
  - b. Virtual Memorial Day Event – observed May 31, 2021
    - i. If approved by the city, the VMC supports the city’s proposal to host a virtual Memorial Day event
    - ii. Motion approved Ericka Oxford; 2<sup>nd</sup> Victor Ponce
7. Hall of Honor Applications – posted twice a year Memorial Day and Veterans Day
  - a. Approved:
    - i. John Gonzales – Marine
    - ii. Victor Ponce – Army
    - iii. John M. Sloan – Marine
  - b. Pending Additional Information
    - i. Robert E. Wilkinson – Air Force
    - ii. Mark J. Sloan - Army
8. Business items for Discussion
  - a. Name badges for VMC members

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- i. Badge will contain:
      - Name
      - Veterans Memorial Commission
      - Branch of Service
      - City of St. Peters emblem
    - ii. Badge Vendor: Incredible Engravings
    - iii. Motion approved Len Berkel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Blake
  - b. Swearing in of recruits at Board of Alderman (BOA) meetings
    - i. Volunteers
      - John Gonzales
      - Victor Ponce
      - Ericka Oxford
      - Ricky Dinnella
  - c. Hall of Honor for VMC Members
    - i. VMC members will receive a free Hall of Honor plaque to be paid for using VMC budget
    - ii. Motion approved Len Berkel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Blake
9. Next Meeting – Monday, April 5, 2021, at 7pm
10. Meeting Adjourned 8:09pm (Len Berkel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Blake)

Meeting minutes prepared by – Francine King, Secretary