



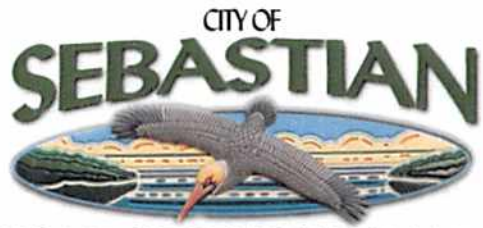
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**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF SEBASTIAN**  
**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2021**  
**3:00 PM**

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- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3) ROLL CALL
- 4) MEETING CHAIR MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 5) AGENDA MODIFICATIONS  
Modifications and additions require unanimous vote of members. Deletions do not apply.
- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- 7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- 8) PUBLIC INPUT
- 9) NEW BUSINESS:  
**Item A: Memorial Day Event Plan**  
  
**Item B: July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Participation Discussion**
- 10) STAFF MATTERS
- 11) BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS
- 12) ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA AND DATE: **August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 @ 3:00pm**
- 13) ADJOURN

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING (OR HEARING) WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE HEARD. (286.0105 F.S.)  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), ANYONE WHO NEEDS A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY'S ADA COORDINATOR AT 589-5330 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING.



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**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD  
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM**

**Board Meeting Date:** April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Agenda Item Title:** Meeting Minutes from January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Recommendation:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.

**Background:**

**If Agenda Item Requires Expenditure of Funds:**

Total Cost: n/a

**Attachments:**

Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021, 3:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1225 MAIN ST., SEBASTIAN FL**

1. Acting Chairman Randy Moyer called the Veterans Advisory Committee meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

3. Present

Randy Moyer, American Legion Member  
Neil Baumgartner, VFW Member  
Kim Paskiewicz, VFW Auxiliary Member  
Jerry Liucci, American Legion Member  
Gary Spiecher, American Legion Member

Not Present

John Kinlen -- Excused

Also Present

Brian Benton, Leisure Services Director  
Barbara Brooke-Reese, MIS Manager  
Janet Graham, Technical Writer  
Dan Acosta, Police Chief, City of Sebastian

4. Meeting Chair Makes Announcements -- None

5. Agenda Modifications

Acting Chairman Moyer announced agenda modifications as follows: Under Unfinished Business, Item A will be "Wreaths Across America -- Discussion"

6. Approval of Minutes -- October 5, 2020

Hearing no corrections/additions from the Committee members, Acting Chairman Moyer made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented. The Motion to approve the Minutes

was seconded by Mr. Baumgartner, and the Motion was approved unanimously via voice vote.

7. Unfinished Business

**A. Wreaths Across America -- Discussion**

Mr. Liucci reviewed the event which was held on December 19, 2020. He is a member of the Sebastian Area Veterans' Honor Guard. He related on the day of the event he made a courtesy call to the Sebastian Police Department, alerting them that there would be a 21-gun salute followed by Taps during the event. Later at the event, he was informed by Sebastian Police that the City of Sebastian does not permit guns to be fired within the City limits.

Mr. Benton stated that the Sebastian Chief of Police, Dan Acosta, is present at this meeting and will speak on the matter that Mr. Liucci had brought up.

Chief Dan Acosta identified himself, and he apologized for the miscommunication on the day in question between the Police Department and Mr. Liucci regarding the 21-gun salute. He explained that it was a newly promoted supervisor who was told by a Sebastian Code Enforcement officer that no one can fire a firearm in the City. The supervisor informed the veterans representative of this. Chief Acosta clarified that the 21-gun salute is permitted for veterans' ceremonies, and the Police Department deeply respects the veterans and their activities and is sorry for this mistake.

Mr. Liucci stated he would still like to make courtesy calls to the police any time the veterans plan to perform a 21-gun salute. Chief Acosta stated that would be fine. Mr. Liucci stated he appreciated the apology from Chief Acosta, and that the veterans have great respect and a good relationship with the Sebastian Police. He emphasized how much he appreciates the support and help of the police in Sebastian.

Mr. Moyer stated his thanks to the Police Department for all their support regarding the veterans' activities.

**B. Veterans' Day Event Review**

Mr. Moyer asked for any comments or remarks from the Committee members regarding

this event. Hearing none, he moved to the next item on the agenda.

**C. Pearl Harbor Day Event Review**

Ms. Paskiewicz said it was a very nice event.

8. Public Input

Ms. Andrea Coy via Zoom offered a very special thank-you to the Police Department and Chief Acosta for taking the time to come in and explain the issue that happened during the Veterans' Day event. She appreciated Chief Acosta's explanation and recognizing that it was a mistake by the Police Department. Mr. Benton advised Ms. Coy that he will make sure her comments are passed along to Chief Acosta.

9. New Business

**A. 2021 Schedule of Veterans' Events and Board Meeting Dates**

Mr. Benton asked which organization is going to handle the Memorial Day event, which is on May 31st. Mr. Moyer called on anyone from the public who wished to speak on this matter.

**Gary Shaw, Senior Vice-Commander for the VFW.** He explained that he is not sure whose turn it is for Memorial Day.

Mr. Moyer stated this will be followed up and worked out by the two organizations.

Mr. Benton then moved on to the Fourth of July, where there will be a parade and also an event. The next event is for 9/11, which is now operated by the Sebastian Police Department. Regarding Veterans Day, he asked for information, and Mr. Moyer stated the organizations will work that out. For Pearl Harbor Day and Wreaths Across America, he will communicate with someone from the two organizations as to how those two events are going to be handled. Regarding the Four Chaplains, Mr. Benton had spoken to Mr. Larry Wapnick today, and they will meet on Thursday. Mr. Wapnick had mentioned pushing the event back to late in February because of the COVID-19 situation. Mr. Moyer offered to attend the meeting on Thursday if necessary.

Mr. Benton reviewed the meeting dates for 2021. He suggested April 5, August 2, and October 4. No one voiced any issues with those dates.

10. Staff Matters

Mr. Benton thanked the City's MIS Department for their work during the Veterans Day event and the Pearl Harbor Day event. They did live stream both of those events on Facebook and on the TV channel. The public can still go back to the City's YouTube page to view those events. He said the plan is to continue to record those events and live stream them in the future.

Mr. Moyer added that the MIS Department always goes above and beyond to help the veterans with their events.

11. Board or Committee Member Matters -- None

12. Items for the Next Agenda and Date: April 5, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Moyer stated this will be plenty of time to discuss the Memorial Day event.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business, Acting Chairman Moyer adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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