

Minutes of the September 25, 2019  
Regular Meeting of the Citizen's Task Force

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the September 25, 2019 Citizen's Task Force was called to order by Co-Chair Terry Wachter at 4:30 p.m.

**Roll Call: Present: Citizen Members:** Ken Copeland, Ted Easley, Dan McCreary, Terry Wachter. Also, in attendance were City staff, Council members and guests: Lynn Onstot; Public Information Officer, Mark Cannon, Jeremie Humphrey, Shelby Howard, Luke Stahl, Matt Stewart; Police Chief, Jim Furgerson; Fire Chief, Erin Slifka, and Tonya Sprenkle. Absent: Chuck Copple, Brandon Davis, Miles Jensen, Renita Kitchingham, Warren Turner and Scott Vorhees.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Ken Copeland, second by Ted Easley to approve the September 18 minutes. Motion passed.

**Discussion of Proposition "B":** Terry Wachter began by stating she'd like to discuss a few things: one being and spending time discussing October 2nd. That will be a media canvassing day. Erin Slifka stated this would begin with a Press Conference at 4 p.m. at the Chamber, and then the group would go out into the neighborhoods to knock on doors. Terry stated that Chief Stewart has sent out information to his Citizen Advisory group and is getting responses. This is also being done with Tax Oversight Committee and volunteers from Youth Council. The goal is to get at least 30 people from these 3 groups out on the streets along with the Citizens Task Force. Terry said the Citizens members should gather at the Chamber on October 2nd at 4 p.m. Then the group will gather at about 4:30, pick up materials, shirts and territory at that time. It was mentioned to also have a little education at that time as well. Erin Slifka stated people from the media to be there at 4 p.m., and the rest to be there by 4:30 p.m. Jeremie Humphrey stated they have things all mapped out and will have doorhangers as well as flyers to distribute. To reiterate, this group won't meet at 4:30 as usual. Instead, the members should be at the Chamber by 4 p.m. on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> for the press conference. Jeremie will have materials organized in another room at the Chamber. After the press conference, members and other volunteers can get lined up and assigned with their teams and receive the packets. Public Information Officer Lynn Onstot stated that the Mayor and representatives from the City would be at the Press Conference for support but would not be able to participate in the canvassing work. Shelby Howard mentioned he could stay at the Chamber until 5:30 p.m. or so for the stragglers and hand their packets out to them, if need be. It was mentioned that the packets should be returned to the Chamber to make sure that Jeremie gets the packets back. Tonya Sprenkle said she would stay to collect them.

Terry stated the next thing she'd like to discuss is regarding questions that are being asked and being surprised by; it may be helpful to know about. For example, something she had been asked, where does the tax money come from, how much from Kansas, Oklahoma, etc.? To answer that question- the speaker can say that the City does not have that information from the sales tax reports they receive. Another question mentioned, what about money that is left over, if any? To answer that question- there probably won't be much left over. It was mentioned to focus on recruit and retention and not focus on numbers when talking to big groups. Lynn mentioned that the Q&A that is going to be mailed out, it's being mailed out for a point of transparency, to find the answer and move on. She also stated the flyer will also be mailed as a page in the newsletter. Fire Chief Jimmy Furgerson stated most citizens may not care or be concerned with a pension plan but are concerned if their home catches on fire or someone breaks in, they want the best well trained person for that job.

Terry wanted to also add that the Globe has space that they save for citizens, it may be a good idea for people from this group to use this space. Someone suggested sending letters to a centralized place so they could be reviewed. Members will send to Lynn.

Chief Furgerson asked about the YPN, Erin Slifka said the last week in October would be a good time, probably the noon hour. Lynn stated October 4th would be the next day speakers are needed, Women's Club at Twin Hills at noon, and Mercy Village at 2p.m. on the same day. Lynn also stated she has been handing out flyers and has more to send if people need them. Chief Furgerson asked the question regarding truck shows, can the flyers be in the trucks, Lynn answered yes, it is a City thing focused on education, they can be.

Lynn mentioned the last day for the absentee ballot needs to be requested by mail by October 24th, but you have up until the day before to go in and absentee vote and they are open the Saturday before.

Terry asked for any other input. Erin Slifka stated that a video shoot is scheduled in the middle of Main street. Chamber will be doing just one video and showing it in many places. It was mentioned the Chamber does have a campaign to raise money to show the videos through advertising opportunities.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Set date of next regular meeting:** Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

With there being no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 5:25p.m.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roschelle Forsythe".

Roschelle Forsythe, Secretary