

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD HELD IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL, 1212 AVENUE M, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS ON THE 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2018, AT 5:30 P.M.

Members present: Wayne Keen, Fernando Chavez, Leta Reiner, Bill Butler, Robert Tucker, Tom Fordyce, Liesa Hackett, Leigh-Anne Stewart, Mark Robinson
Members absent: Shane Loosier, Mike Christian, John McManners, Johnny Holland
Guests present: Terry Batson, Lt. Col. Joe Contreras, Doug Shaw, Dewey Yates

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Wayne Keen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Board met to discuss, hear presentations and/or reports and potentially take action on agenda items.

a. Approve minutes of last meeting - The July 2018 minutes were approved without objection.

b. Hear reports from committee members - Chair Keen announced Ashley Taylor has resigned from the board. Liesa Hackett reported she is retiring from the City but wished to continue serving her term. Mark Robinson, with the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veteran Museum, announced the *H.E.A.R.T.S. Annual Garage Sale* is set for September 14-15. He added a new chat group for veterans has formed at the Museum, and anyone interested should call 295-5959 for more details.

Leigh-Anne Stewart stated the American Legion will host a *9-11 Patriots Day Luncheon* on September 9, and the Legion's annual *Chili Cook-off* will be held in October. Fernando Chavez said the next SHSU stole ceremony will be the week following Thanksgiving. Leta Reiner reminded the board that Major Shannon Beall has invited members to visit his facilities, which houses a Black Hawk helicopter, in October.

c. Future items, projects, and proposals. – The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. September 20th.

d. Items of Community Interest – Guest Lt. Colonel Joe Contreras, who is a professor of Military Science with SHSU, spoke about the ROTC recruits, who are required to volunteer in the community, and asked members to send him any project ideas.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Brenda Poe, Deputy City Secretary