

**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 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2018, AT 5:30 P.M.**

Members present: Wayne Keen, Fernando Chavez, Leta Reiner, Robert Tucker, Mike Christian, John McManners, Shane Loosier, Mark Robinson  
Members absent: Tom Fordyce, Liesa Hackett, Joe Whitehead, Bill Butler, Leigh-Anne Stewart, Terry Batson  
Guests present: Lt. Col. Joe Contreras, Wes Barker, Cadet Jose Arriaga, Thomas H. Welch, Tom and Charlotte Oleinick, Dustyn Springer, Ray Yates, Bill Thomas, Geanie McManners

**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 September 2018 minutes were approved without objection.

**b. Hear reports from committee members** – Wayne Keen announced the American Legion will buy Christmas baskets for veterans and will be serving Turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day for lunch. Mark Robinson reported the Veterans Chat Group has been postponed until January and the Veterans Banquet would be held at HEARTS Museum on November 10.

Fernando Chavez informed the board that the Veterans Stole ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. November 28 at the Walker Education Building. Mike Christian stated the VFW is currently holding the gun raffle to win a Henry rifle.

**c. Future items, projects, and proposals.** – The December meeting was cancelled. The January meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**d. Items of Community Interest** – Charlotte Olenick told the board about Clinton Isabell, who was killed in action in Normandy, and was set to present a display to the family on November 10. SHSU Professor of Military Science Lt. Colonel Joe Contreras introduced Cadet Jose Arriaga. Thomas Welch introduced himself and asked board members to consider volunteering at Huntsville Intermediate where he teaches. Bill Thomas, a retired Marine, Theater Production Coordinator at SHSU, is the advisor for the Collegiate Veterans organization at SHSU. Deputy City Secretary Brenda Poe invited the board and guests to the State of the City on October 30.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Brenda Poe, Deputy City Secretary