



Lowell City Council

Veterans SC Meeting Minutes

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: October 8, 2024
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall / Zoom(Hybrid)

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were C. Yem, C. Mercier and C. Gitschier. Also present were Eric LaMarche (Veterans), Sargent Dave Smith (LHS ROTC) and Lisa Golden (HHS)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Yem called the meeting to order noting attendance and topic of meeting being updates regarding placing of flags as a remembrance for all veterans who gave their life defending the Nation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Yem noted that he had gathered information regarding those who lost their lives defending this country from local historian, Richard Howe, Jr. C. Yem noted the list is 75 pages long and contains names going as far back as the Civil War and that it will be available on the City website. C. Yem noted number was 1278 on the list and that there needs to be enough flags to cover that along City Hall and the Ladd/Whitney Memorial. Mr. LaMarche noted City has enough flags to cover it and that there will be enough volunteers and students to assist with placement. C. Yem recognized the LHS ROTC and Sgt. Smith indicated that they would assist the Veterans Department with anything they should need. C. Mercier commented on the ROTC and the benefit they are for the City. C. Yem noted the event will be well publicized. C. Mercier questioned how older flags are replaced. Mr. LaMarche outlined that process. Mr. LaMarche commented on the application process for Hometown Heroes Banners and noted recent legislative change regarding eligibility for benefits through the Mass Heroes Act.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn and continue by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Gitschier. So Voted.



Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Michael Geary, City Clerk