

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2019  
SPECIAL VETERANS' BUILDING ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Fred Falk called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Committee members present were Sam Wilcox, Dan Rosenbaum, Leanne Cantwell, Ron Webb, and Fred Falk. Also present were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Mayor Chris Lund, and Alderperson Jim Burdick.

Flanigan confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, September 20, 2019 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, and City Hall.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A Webb/Cantwell motion to approve the August 26, 2019 Special Veterans' Building Assessment Committee minutes passed, all voted in favor.

**REVIEW OBJECTIVES OF THE SPECIAL VETERANS' BUILDING ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE:** Committee member Falk presented the objectives of the committee as established:

1. Evaluate the expenses, revenues, and capital improvement needs of the facility.
2. Evaluate whether the City should continue to rent the facility to a private user.
3. Evaluate if there is a public use of the facility that would benefit and be supported by the community.
4. Make a recommendation to the Council regarding the long-term operation and ownership of the facility.

**HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT VETERANS' BUILDING:**

- Cathy Engler, current tenant, described how she feels the Edgerton's Children Center provides a service to the community including the 4K program. Cathy stated she enjoys her tenancy at the Veterans' Building. Cathy confirmed that as a tenant she has shared the building with multiple Veterans' organizations.
- Everett Shumway would like to see the building be given to the American Legion. He stated he has a family in town that would manage the building and guarantee money. Everett asked why the panel did not include a member from the American Legion.
- John Falgren, 212 W Meadows Dr, stated the Veterans' Building was built as a memorial. When it is used as a rental, it is difficult for the organizations to meet in the building. The Veterans' organizations need space and an area to show items such as photographs. If the decision about memorial is looked at as a dollar issue, it is a disservice to the original use.

**SET NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS:** Falk recommended scheduling the meeting after the next American Legion (October 1<sup>st</sup>) and VFW (October 15<sup>th</sup>) meetings. The committee set a public listening session for Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM at Edgerton City Hall. The agenda will include presenting the background information for the alternative use options of the building and public comment. The committee requested attendees reach out to local Veterans to encourage additional public input.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Webb/Rosenbaum motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Ramona Flanigan/jas  
City Administrator