

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
CONVENTION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2023**

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The Convention and Tourism Committee of the City of Louisburg, Kansas, met at 6:30 p.m. in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers. Member Scruggs presiding.

Attendees:

Committee members: Paul Scruggs, Randy Powell, Jennifer Dansel (members Anna Sprague and Erin Rigney Ptacek were absent)

Mayor Donna Cook

Council Liaison Steve Town

Community Development Director Sarah Altic

Communications Coordinator Jean Carder

Chamber of Commerce Director Becky Bowes

Miami County Kansas Economic Development Director Janet McRae

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Scruggs called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee member Scruggs led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Sarah Altic took a roll call for attendance. Members Scruggs, Powell and Dansel were present. Altic stated that there was a quorum.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilmember Scruggs asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda. Member Dansel moved to accept, seconded by Member Powell. All three (3) Committee members voted to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Committee member Scruggs asked if there were any public comments to be presented; there were none.

PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no public hearing business items to be presented at this meeting.

NON-PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no non-public hearing business items to be presented at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Assignment of terms of members: Communications Manager Jean Carder read off the terms of the Committee Members:
 - i. Member Powell – term expires February 2025
 - ii. Member Rigney Ptacek – term expires February 2026
 - iii. Member Scruggs – term expires February 2026
 - iv. Member Sprague – term expires February 2025
 - v. Member Dansel – term expires February 2026
- b. Election of officers
 - i. Chairperson: Member Dansel moved to appoint Member Sprague as Chair. Member Powell seconded. All three members voted aye; motion carried to appoint Sprague as Chairperson.
 - ii. Vice Chairperson: Member Dansel moved to appoint Member Scruggs as Vice Chairperson. Member Powell seconded. All three members voted aye; motion carried to appoint Scruggs as Vice Chairperson.
 - iii. Secretary: Member Dansel moved to appoint Member Rigney Ptacek as Secretary. Member Powell seconded. All three members voted aye; motion carried to appoint Rigney Ptacek as Secretary.
- c. Discussion of duties and responsibilities: Vice Chairperson Scruggs provided background on the formation of the Committee and mentioned that all of the members either own a business, grew up in Louisburg or are familiar with the dynamics of Louisburg. He stated that their goal is provide revitalization to Louisburg and that the location provides the community an advantage due to the rural nature, community willingness to get involved and its location related to a larger City like Kansas City. The Stampede to be held in June of 2024 was also a topic of discussion and the Committee stated that they would like for this event to be a success and their desire for the event to be held each year.

Another topic brought up was the idea of establishing a “Dinner on Broadway” fundraiser event/“farm to table” dinner, wherein the Committee could work to set up an event (potentially annually) to be held on Broadway Street. Ideas discussed were bringing in local vendors for food, flowers, beverages, entertainment, etc. and selling tickets to support an arts project (murals, street piano, etc.) or another project that may be warranted.

Meeting attendee Becky Bowes asked the Committee if they were willing to work with other entities to accomplish this idea, such as the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Masons. All Committee members stated in the affirmative.

Meeting attendee Janet McRae asked the Committee if they would be willing to put together a “Community calendar” that may be posted on the City’s website to include all events happening around the community. She stated that this would be an easy first task for the Committee and that it would be one central location to find all (submitted) events happening in Louisburg on any particular day. The Committee

agreed that was a good idea, but no further discussion on how they would proceed with accomplishing this task occurred.

Sarah Altic asked the Committee if "new business" items for the November regular meeting should include the "Louisburg Stampede" and "Dinner on Broadway" and the Committee responded yes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:56 p.m., Dandel moved, seconded by Powell and passed 3-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Sarah Altic (City staff) acting as recording secretary in the absence of Secretary Rigney Ptacek.