

City of Pekin Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2022

City Hall – 5:00 P.M.

Members present: Melanie Matthews, Amy McCoy, Lelonie Luft, Mark Rothert, Dori Smith, Emily Lambe, Matt Fick,

1.0 Meeting called to Order – Quorum Present

2.0 Approval of minutes from September 6, 2022 regular meeting and the September 12 2022 special meeting. Dori Smith motioned to accept minutes, Amy McCoy seconded, Minutes approved.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 DiscoverPekin. Com website review – Received a quote for \$500 a month for website maintenance, Lelonie Luft volunteered to do maintenance.

3.2 Downtown Street Party – October 15 – there will be a 4:30 dedication in the Pocket Park. Can use the same sponsor boards and straw will be delivered.

3.3 Christmas on Court – Received a better quote for the Courthouse lighting. Josie was going to talk to Golf Green about liability. Approval is listed on the agenda for the City Council for October 10. It was suggested we talk to Dale Dunn regarding use of his office for Christmas Tree event or vendors.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Pekin Pride Soccer Tournament – Troy Tarter present representing Pekin Pride. Tournament is scheduled for May 26-28 over Memorial Day weekend. He elaborated on good restaurant traffic and the use of over 100 room nights. They have lost one of their sponsors and are asking for \$7,000 for additional referee fees, awards and promotions. They had 27 teams with 12 players per team with a profit for the club of \$4-5,000. Amy made a motion to recommend \$5,000 to the City Council, Emily Lambe seconded, Motion approved by a 4 to 3 vote.

5.0 Updates from Community Partners on Activities and Upcoming Events – Amy is working on a new Community Guide.

6.0 Other items for discussion.- Discussion on adding new members to the committee as we are supposed to have 10 and we do not. We need someone from the hotel industry, fire department and member at large. Amy suggested Brian Carrol would like to be on the committee.

7.0 Public Input – None

8.0 Adjourned - Melanie made a motion to adjourn. Emily seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting November 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm