



City of Pekin Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

February 08, 2022 5:00 PM
Meeting at Pekin City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order at 5:10pm by Chairperson Gullette
2. Roll Call Taken. Those present include Kendra McDaniel, Mark Rothert, City Manager, Charity Gullette, Chair, Shannon Sandoval, Justin Reeise, Public Works Director, and guests Terri Gambetti and Ron Matthews. Also in attendance was Dave Nutter, Councilmember.
3. Minutes from January 18, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.
4. Public Input sought, but no speakers.
5. New Business Items were considered as follows:

5.1. **Guest speaker.** Terri Gambetti presented a proposal to the Committee to fund a downtown mural and sculpture program. Details include establishing a base cover coat on several walls of businesses in the downtown, particularly in the pocket parks along Court Street (in the 400 and 500 blocks). These areas will be converted to display art and sculptures provided by Dr. Michele Moul, who has a collection from her father that she wishes to donate to the City. Gambetti also discussed how the high school art class will provide several murals that can be displayed on walls and businesses in the downtown on mounts where the art can be interchangeable. Costs for the murals and placement of sculptures would cost the following:

• Installation materials, equipment and labor	\$1,535
• Landscaping around sculptures	\$ 200
• Plaque recognizing artist/donor	\$ 650
• Four walls pressure washed, repaired, 2 coats of paint	\$9,200
• Twelve (12) murals	\$5,540
• Labor and equipment put murals up and down	<u>\$ 760</u>
Total	17,885

After discussion, a motion was made (Sandoval/Rothert) to send to the City Council a recommendation of support for the mural and sculpture program in downtown Pekin and

to pay for projects costs through the following sources:

- Hotel/motel tax funds \$ 8,685
- CBD TIF Funds \$ 9,200 (painting)
- \$17,885

It was further motioned (Sandoval/Rothert) that a recommendation to the City Council be made to also accept the sculpture donations, which passed unanimously.

5.2. **PCHS Annual Flower Sale.** Discussion over the purchase of flowers and what types. It was stated that Terri Gambetti and possibly the Chamber were working on a program to manage the flower pots downtown so the plants get watered. A motion was made and seconded to make a purchase of up to \$1,000 for flowers out of the Beautification budget. This motion was passed unanimously.

5.3. **Status of ethics acknowledgment and meetings act training.** Members were reminded to take the annual training on Sexual Harassment (for all) and the Open Meetings Act (for new members or those who did not complete it). Training resources will be provided to the members of the committee.

6. Other items for discussion – N/A

7. A motion to adjourn was made at 6:45pm and passed unanimously.