



**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE VETERANS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024**

**5:30 PM**

**Little Elm Town Hall**

**100 W Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm, TX 75068**

1. **Roll Call/Call to Order Veterans Committee Meeting at 5:00 p.m.**
  - A. Invocation.
  - B. Pledge to Flags.
  - C. **Presentation of Monthly Updates.**  
*Updates on research, programming, and events put on by the Veterans Committee.*
2. **Public Comments**  
*Persons may address the Veterans Committee on any issue. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Committee on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meeting Act, the council may not comment or deliberate such statements during this period, except as authorized by Section 551.007, Texas Government Code.*
3. **Regular Items.**
  - A. Consider Action to Approve the **Minutes from the June 11, 2024 Regular Veterans Committee Meeting.**

4.       **Workshop.**
  - A.       Presentation from **Veterans Center of North Texas.**
  - B.       Presentation from **Healthy Heroes.**
  - C.       Presentation from **Create Your Own Story.**
  - D.       Discuss **Businesses that Offer Discounts for Veterans.**
  - E.       Discuss **Future Events.**
5.       **Items to be Discussed on a Future Agenda.**
6.       **Adjourn.**

**Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, (Chapter 551, Texas Government Code), one or more of the above items will be taken or conducted in open session following the conclusion of the executive closed session.**

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aide of service such as interpreters for the hearing impaired, reader or large print are requested to contact the secretary at 214-975-0452 two days prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.  
**BRAILLE IS NOT PROVIDED.**

Respectfully,

Town Secretary

**This is to certify that the above notice was posted on the Town's website this 3 day of July 2024 before 5:00 p.m.**



**Date:** 07/09/2024

**Agenda Item #:** 3. A.

**Staff Contact:** Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

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**AGENDA ITEM:**

Consider Action to Approve the **Minutes from the June 11, 2024 Regular Veterans Committee Meeting.**

**DESCRIPTION:**

The minutes are attached for approval.

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**Attachments**

Minutes - June 11, 2024

# DRAFT

Minutes  
Town of Little Elm  
100 W Eldorado Parkway  
Little Elm, Texas 75068  
214-975-0404  
<http://www.littleelm.org>

## REGULAR VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 11, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mike Watts; Jason Salsbury; Joselyn Passerelle; Charles Losiewicz; Michael Kelly; Robert Passerelle

Staff Present: Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

### 1. Roll Call/Call to Order Veterans Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

*Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.*

#### A. Invocation.

*Council Liaison Jamell Johnson gave the invocation.*

#### B. Pledge to Flags.

#### C. Presentation of Monthly Updates.

*Updates on research, programming, and events put on by the Veterans Committee.*

*Staff updated the Committee regarding the Town's Citizen's Government Academy and Juneteenth event. The Committee recapped the previous month's events of the Veterans Fair and library seminar.*

### 2. Public Comments

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*A few vendors from the Veterans Fair shared their thoughts on the event. Herman Luetze shared that the St Arbor Community Garden is looking for a part-time employee, preferably a veteran, and asked the Committee to share with anyone they knew who might be interested in applying.*

3. **Regular Items.**

- A. Consider Action to Approve the **Minutes from the May 13, 2024 Regular Veterans Committee Meeting.**

Motion by Jason Salsbury, seconded by Robert Passerelle *to Approve the Minutes from the May 13, 2024 Regular Veterans Committee Meeting.*

**Vote:** 6 - 0 - Unanimously

- B. Consider Action to Accept the **Resignation of Committee Member Jeanie Beal.**

Motion by Jason Salsbury, seconded by Robert Passerelle *to Accept the Resignation of Committee Member Jeanie Beal.*

**Vote:** 6 - 0 - Unanimously

- C. Consider Action to Approve **Subcommittee Guidelines for the Veterans Committee.**

Motion by Jason Salsbury, seconded by Robert Passerelle *to Approve Subcommittee Guidelines for the Veterans Committee.*

**Vote:** 6 - 0 - Unanimously

- D. Consider Action to Appoint **Subcommittee Members and Chairs.**

*The approved subcommittee chairs and members are below.*

- **Veterans Walk**
  - *Chair: Mike Watts*
  - *Subcommittee Member(s): Michael Kelly, Joselyn Passerelle*
- **Veterans Banquet**
  - *Chair: Joselyn Passerelle*
  - *Subcommittee Member(s): Jamell Johnson, Holly Losiewicz, Charlet Cornelious, Alecia Smith, Willette Watts*
- **Monthly Education Seminars**
  - *Chair: Rob Passerelle*
  - *Subcommittee Member(s): Jaime Garza*
- **Quarterly Socials**
  - *Chair: Jason Salsbury*
  - *Subcommittee Member(s): Herman Luetete, Lauren Luetete*
- **Veterans Fair**
  - *Chair: Charlie Losiewicz*
  - *Subcommittee Member(s): Hyun Choi, Holly Losiewicz, Alecia Smith*
- **Community Service and/or Outreach:**
  - *Chair: Jaime Garza*
  - *Subcommittee Member(s): Mike Watts, Joselyn Passerelle, Jamell Johnson*

Motion by Jason Salsbury, seconded by Charles Losiewicz *to Appoint Subcommittee Members and Chairs.*

Vote: 6 - 0 - Unanimously

4. **Workshop.**

- A. Presentation from **Guest Speaker Gus Cabarcas** from Texas Veterans Network.

*Speaker was not present. This item will be pushed to a future meeting.*

- B. Discuss **Future Events.**

*Staff gave an update on the August Happy Hour scheduled at Tender BBQ. Staff gave an update on the secured date for the Veterans Banquet and will work with the subcommittee to begin reaching out to vendors. Mike Watts shared that he secured a speaker and a National Anthem singer for the Veterans Walk.*

- C. Discuss a **Cowboy's Watch Party** in The Lakefront.

*The Committee discussed the potential for having a Cowboys and/or Army Navy game watch party at The Lawn. Staff will touch base with the Special Events team to see if this is possible and come back to the Committee with dates.*

5. **Items to be Discussed on a Future Agenda.**

*The Committee requested a discussion from staff regarding fundraising and how to accept money. The Committee would like to purchase a canopy with the logo on it to use at future events. Staff will find date options for the veterans committee retreat to discuss at a future meeting.*

6. **Adjourn.**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.*

Respectfully,

**Caitlan Biggs**  
Town Secretary

Passed and Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.



**Date:** 07/09/2024

**Agenda Item #:** 4. A.

**Staff Contact:** Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

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**AGENDA ITEM:**

Presentation from **Veterans Center of North Texas.**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Anna-Marie Welch from the Veterans Center of North Texas will be present to speak about the organization.

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**Date:** 07/09/2024

**Agenda Item #:** 4. B.

**Staff Contact:** Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

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**AGENDA ITEM:**

Presentation from **Healthy Heroes**.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Members of the Healthy Heroes organization will be present to discuss their fundraising efforts for veterans.

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**Date:** 07/09/2024

**Agenda Item #:** 4. C.

**Staff Contact:** Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

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**AGENDA ITEM:**

Presentation from **Create Your Own Story.**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Joshua Okpara, the creator of the program Create Your Own Story, will be present to discuss this program.

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**Date:** 07/09/2024

**Agenda Item #:** 4. D.

**Staff Contact:** Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

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**AGENDA ITEM:**

Discuss **Businesses that Offer Discounts for Veterans.**

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Committee will discuss how they help promote businesses that offer discounts for veterans.

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**Date:** 07/09/2024

**Agenda Item #:** 4. E.

**Staff Contact:** Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

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**AGENDA ITEM:**

Discuss **Future Events**.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Veterans Committee will discuss the below upcoming events.

- August Happy Hour
  - Cowboys Watch Party
  - Veterans Banquet - November 14
  - Service Projects
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