



# General Membership Meeting

Monday, July 6, 2015 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Ambassador Restaurant

## Minutes

- I. **Welcome, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:** Randy Jacobs opened the meeting at 12:14 p.m. Dianna Brown led prayer. Keith Logan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Review of June 2015 General Meeting Minutes** – Larry Buehler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Steve Tuttle seconded the motion; motion carried.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. Education Committee report – Dr. Bryant announced that the OPSU President’s Newsletter was available next to the minutes and agendas. In the newsletter, it discusses how the university receives funding and how that money is spent.  
OPSU Men’s Rodeo has a National Bronc Riding Champion and a PBL Champion returning to OPSU in the fall.  
Dr. Bryant invited anyone concerned to join the Education Committee meeting. The committee meets monthly at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Pub on the Bricks. Lunch is provided by OPSU.
  - b. Ambassadors’ report – Dianna Brown stated that the Ambassadors have been very busy. They have recently purchased a giant pair of orange-handled scissors and are in the market to replace the missing red carpet (dignitaries, etc.).
  - c. PBR Committee Report – The Kasey Hayes & Stormy Wing Invitational PBR BlueDef Velocity Tour will be in Guymon on July 25. The committee is striving to make the event fun for the whole family to enjoy. Tickets are available at ticket outlets and online. There will be a trivia challenge on Facebook for free general admission tickets to the event.  
Several PBR Personalities will be in Guymon to help promote the event. Autograph sessions will be in Guymon, Liberal and Dalhart. Watch for schedules in the newspaper and on social media.
- IV. **Upcoming Chamber events**
  - a. Kasey Hayes & Stormy Wing Invitational PBR BlueDef Velocity Tour – Saturday, July 25, 8:00 p.m. at Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena. (Discussed earlier)
- V. **Community Events**
  - a. Guymon High School Student Council Sponsor, Jennifer Reynolds, announced that the Oklahoma State Student Council Conference will be in Guymon in 2016. At this time, the Guymon students are planning the event and have few solid details. 300 hotel rooms will be needed for the event. Alternative hosting is possible through churches. Larry Buehler stated that the Guymon Ambassadors will be willing to assist with the event.

The Student Council members will be requesting donations for the event. Mrs. Reynolds will bring Student Council members to the September 13 General Membership Meeting for a presentation.

- b. Lunch & Learn, Marketing – Main Street Guymon office, Tuesday, July 7, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- c. Farmer’s Market – Saturday, July – September, 8:00 a.m. in front of Texas County Courthouse.
- d. Kids Photography Workshop – Saturday, July 11, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Rotary Pavilion on the west side of Sunset Lake. \$5 fee/child.
- e. Guymon Community Theatre Fundraiser – Saturday, July 18, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Willows Inn Bed & Breakfast. Tickets available through Main Street Guymon.
- f. Panhandle Exposition – Wednesday, August 5 – Saturday, August 8.
- g. Azuma – Sunday, August 9

**VI. Old Business:** No old business to discuss.

**VII. New Business:** No new business to discuss.

**VIII. Adjourn:** Steve Tuttle made the motion to adjourn at 12:31 p.m., Larry Buehler seconded the motion; motion carried.

Next meeting: Ambassador Restaurant, Monday, August 3, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

**Presentation by City of Guymon Mayor, Kim Peterson** – Mayor Peterson introduced City Manager, Kimberly Meek, and Technical Assistant, Tyler Kerr. The team offered a power point presentation to give updates on the several projects that are happening in Guymon. He stated that it seems like it has taken several years for these projects to come to this point and is happy that the City and community are moving forward in a positive direction.

The south Main Street beautification project has begun on construction. Curbs, gutters and sidewalks to make the foot traffic from the north side of the railroad tracks to the south side safer with lighting and ADA compliant sidewalk paths. Kim M. stated that the state architect contacted the City of Guymon with information on grants to help complete the upgrades from where the current project ends at the railroad tracks to 12<sup>th</sup> and Main Street. This may include financial assistance in removing the businesses metal facades that are along the 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> blocks of Main.

The project to relocate the city offices from 219 NW 4<sup>th</sup> street to the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Main in the old First National Bank/City National Bank building is under construction. Upgrades to meet compliance codes are in the process now. The City of Guymon will have offices for the staff in one location and will offer better services to the community in one location.

The Guymon Public Pool recently held a ribbon cutting for the new bath houses. The pool and bath houses were opened in the 1960’s and have not been improved since that time. Architects have determined that the pool and structure of the building are in good working order and encouraged the City’s staff to keep them maintained because of their expected longevity.

A Bond Issue was passed to support the instillation of infrastructure from Hwy 412, down Hurliman Road to the Waste Water Plant in the Industrial Park. This infrastructure will bring services to a new housing addition that will be located on Hwy 412/3. This housing addition will see thirty-one homes on seven acres.

A new shopping center by Wal-Mart has begun construction and hopes to be fully functional within months.

The City of Guymon is petitioning the State for the reuse of water to irrigate the golf course from Sunset Lake at Thompson Park.

The City Council had adopted a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Guymon. The plan has been modified some because of necessity, but the integrity of the plan is intact.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to participate in helping the city clean up and keep clean. He would like to instill a sense of community pride and for everyone to lend a helping hand.

Steve Tuttle asked what would become of the old Library building on NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Peterson stated that the City would likely sell some of the properties such as this.

Randy Jacobs asked about the problems associated with the brick streets in the downtown area. City Manager, Kimberly Meek, stated that the bricks are difficult to work with when there are issues with the water lines, etc. Main Street is considered a State Highway and it is their domain to give the City of Guymon permission to provide maintenance.

Kimberly Meek stated that the Dale Loft Apartment Complex is moving along and have hopes of leasing apartments soon. She stated that with this development, the City hopes that it will encourage businesses to open in the downtown area to provide services to those who will live in the complex.

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