



Spring City Tourism and Events Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: August 26, 2025

Attendees: Robbie Harvey, Teresa Evans, Ricki Dash, Jody Bauer, Stephanie Strader, Kristin Urani, Candi Harris, April Kilby, Ava Wilson, Brenda Dodson

Guest: Clay Lezon, Lee Booker

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm. A quorum was present.

Old Business -

- a) Spring City Splash Event Review –
 - About 200 people attended.
 - All sponsorships went to prizes and giveaways. This was not a fundraising event.
 - This event was not advertised well. The Park Planning Committee did not know about it. In the future, we need to advertise earlier and get the word out in various ways.
- b) Medieval Faire Event –
 - Chamber of Commerce agreed to add this event to the Autumn Festival for next year.
 - Ava and Robbie will go to the workshop on Thursday to discuss this event.

New Business -

- a) TNRL Grant Opportunity – Clay Lezon – Reviewed the Arise Planning Grant Opportunity. Possible Kayak Launch at Dixie Youth and other locations.
- b) 4th Annual Lighting the Way to Christmas –
 - Robbie would like someone to head this event and create a committee.



- Ava Wilson volunteered to head the committee.
- Teresa volunteered to help Jody with Sponsorships.
- Brenda will update us on previous years' funds for music.
- Can we move the Chamber Parade to the same day? We could potentially split sponsorship money.
- Start big band earlier and have lighting during their intermission.
- Special Call Meeting - September 16th to discuss Lighting the Way committee, potential to collab with Spring City Chamber on Lighting the Way and meet the new City Manager.

Other Business-

- Duel Threat Fishing Tournament May 25th- 30th –
 - The 26th and 27th are practice days, and the tournament is the 28th – 30th.
 - 150 boats.
 - They are not asking the city to contribute any funds at this time.
- Thomas McCormick will be the new City Manager attending future meetings.
- Numerous Community Members have asked that Kristin Urani be removed from the board due to communication issues with the community. According to bylaws she could resign or be voted off. Kristin resigned from the board.
- Lee Booker asked if our board would like to participate in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the US. The date is not yet decided, but it does not have to be the 4th of July. There is a grant called TN 250 which offers 3.5 million available to the entire state. If they do not get the grant, they are going to try to come up with other ways to raise the funds, such as a 5k or festival at the park, etc.
- Meeting with James from Pyro Shows to discuss options in September. Brenda will update us on the date of the meeting.

Next meeting is September 23, 2025. Teresa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ava seconded the motion, all in favor.

Adjourned Time: 7:35pm.