

Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee
Minutes – September 5, 2018
Garnett City Hall

The Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 in the Commission Room at Garnett City Hall with the following members present: Tom Emerson Jr., Chairman, Susan Caron, Laurel Ladewig, Paula Wallace and Travis Wilson. Also in attendance: Susan Wettstein, Director of Community Development, Kris Hix, Director of the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, and Julie Turnipseed, Director of Economic Development. Absent: Nicole Stevenson.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Positive Tourism Observations

Despite the rain, the organizers of the Greeley Smokeoff made the best of the situation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Paula Wallace and seconded by Susan Caron to approve the minutes of August 6, 2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

The balance of uncommitted funds is \$23,655.06. The amount left to grant for 2018: \$8,073.30.

Old Business

The board is still looking for someone to fill the vacancy. Susan Wettstein reported that the City Commission approved the transient guest tax request by the Friends of the Library. The Commission is discussing the 2019 Tourism Budget. Susan is wanting more TGT marketing funding to apply for a state grant in 2019.

New Business

The tentative 2019 special events calendar was shared with the committee, as prepared by Kris Hix.

Tom Emerson Jr. asked if the City Commission would consider a matching grant or other way to encourage use of the remaining TGT funds for 2018? If so, a news release could be created to promote this. He also suggested an event after the homes tour, utilizing TGT funds.

Susan introduced Julie Turnipseed, the new Director of Economic Development for Garnett and Anderson County. Julie shared her background with the committee.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Travis Wilson and seconded by Laurel Ladewig to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wettstein