

Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2022

5:00 P.M.

City Library Meeting Room, as per notice in the Valentine Newspaper.

Notice of Meeting was given. Notice of the Open Meetings Act was provided as per law.

Board Members in Attendance: Rhodes, Snell, Joseph and Cardinal. Also present Neil Wescott.

Meeting called to order at 5:09 P.M.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by Rhodes, seconded by Cardinal with all in favor. Brown absent.

Brown enters the meeting at 5:14 P.M.

The Board welcomed its new member Bradley Cardinal to the Board.

Discussion was had with regards to the cost of a columbarium niche. The cost of the niche established was \$2,000.00. Each niche can contain 2 cremations for that cost. Fees for the opening, closing and engraving will be managed through the local mortuaries. Policies will be established and available at City Hall. Procedures will be revisited on a yearly basis or as needed. Motion was made by Snell and seconded by Joseph. Roll call vote: Aye-Snell, Joseph, Brown, Cardinal and Rhodes. Motion carried.

Joseph was in charge of coordinating the receiving and planting of the trees recently received from the Tree Grant. Joseph attended a training session on the planting of trees in the City Park. Joseph and Brown planted the new trees and Joseph now has a plat map of all locations of the trees that are located at the cemetery. Officials from the Free Trees for Fall Planting Grant were very impressed with the care of prior trees that have been planted at the Cemetery.

The Pestel Grant was reviewed and Snell will make application. There are several items that would be an added convenience for the cemetery and application will be made.

Discussion was once again had with regards to mowing and sandburs that have been an issue this year. Brown will work with the City as to the timing of the sprinklers coming on, that can hamper the mowing process and the need for additional chemicals next year to get the sandburs under control.

Discussion was had on the new Sod Farm that was established through the help of the City Manager and City staff. This is a very welcomed part of the Cemetery. This will help with sodding in the new graves.

Discussion was had on the pot holes on the roads of the cemetery. Cardinal will assess the area and the need to repair will be given to the City.

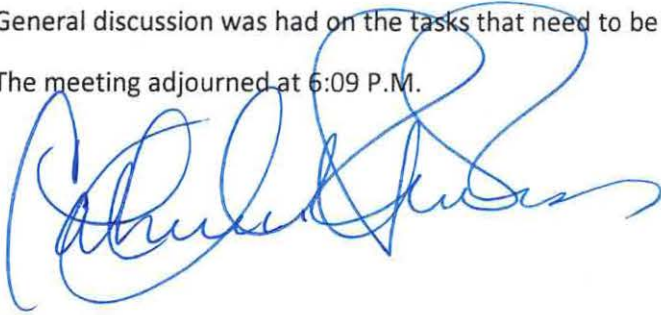
Old business: Headstone repair has been a discussion for some time and will pursue vendors. No action will be taken until the spring.

A payable was presented for Brick engraving by SandScripts. A motion was made by Rhodes and seconded by Joseph to approve. Roll call vote all in favor.

Thank you notes were discussed and will be sent to the Danielski's for the rock around the flagpole. A thank you was verbally made to the additional work Neil Wescott had done at the Cemetery.

General discussion was had on the tasks that need to be done by the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Abraham", is written over the text "The meeting adjourned at 6:09 P.M.".