Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes

August 4, 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.

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

Meeting called to order at 5:05 P.M.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by Joseph, seconded by Brown with all in favor. No corrections or additions.

The floor was open to citizen comment with none made.

The tree grant from "Free Trees for Fall Planting was applied for and granted. The trees will arrive in the next month or so for planting. Snell will also check to see if there are any available trees that have been discounted with local suppliers for fall planting.

The cemetery budget was reviewed by the Board and Snell will work with the City Manager on the amounts needed to allow. Snell will request \$125,000.00 for improvements. Proposed ideas are a metal shed for keeping equipment, trash receptacles, signage etc.

The Pestel Grant was reviewed and it was decided to apply and request \$5,000.00 for two flagpoles. A motion was made by Rhodes and seconded by Joseph. Motion carried 4-0.

A possible new Board Member was discussed to fill the vacancy of Froning and several citizens will be asked.

Bollards were discussed and Rhodes will work with Jon Kime to get that project going. Rhodes will check on parking area surface for the entry to the columbarium. Curb stops were also discussed.

Old business conducted related to the progress of the base for the center flagpole. Bill Ward has offered to donate bricks if needed for that project.

Headstone repair continues to be a source of concern with Snell reaching out to other companies in the state to see what the costs would be. Palmer Monument and Monument Solutions were suggested. Hoffman Monuments has not provided the service that was requested.

Joseph will continue to research solutions for weed control.

Discussion continues on the opening and closing of the Columbarium Niches. Price and who would be best suited to handle the opening, closing and engraving is still being researched.

Meeting Adjourned 6:10 P.M.