MINUTES
CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Chair Beverly Thomas, Board members, Allen Kiesel, Terry Lund, Steve Crosland, Dale Nicholls, Council Liaison Lloyd Stevens

Board Members Excused: Sexton Shane Davis

Staff Present: Community Development Clerk Megan Spurling

Others Appearing: Jeff Hermansen

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Cemetery Board convened on Wednesday, September 13th, 2023, in the Ephraim City Hall Board Room. Cemetery Board Chair Beverly Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. MOTION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 9th, 2023, Cemetery Board Meeting.

Board Member Terry Lund moved to approve the August 9th, 2023; Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Stephen Crosland. All were in favor. The motion carried.

II. AGENDA ITEMS

B. DISCUSSIONS OF BOARD BY-LAWS AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION

Chair Beverly Thomas went over the by-laws that she previously reviewed and made changes to. Terms were discussed. Changes will be made and voted on in the next meeting.

C. REQUEST FROM JEFF HERMANSEN

Jeff Hermansen would like to be able to purchase burial plots at the resident rate. He does live outside the city limits. Jeff addressed the board and expressed the reasons why he feels he should be able to purchase two spaces at a resident's rate.

This brought up concerns about others who live in the county limits. The county does not provide a cemetery. The board would like to see a future change to the ordinance that incorporates pricing and guidelines for those that would who live in the county.

The board decided that Jeff Hermansen should be allowed to purchase two spaces at a resident's rate, due to his proximity to city limits, there being no county cemetery and his years of service to Ephraim City.

Allen motion, Stephen Crosland seconded.

Board Member Allen Keisel moved to recommend to Ephraim City Council, that Jeff Hermansen be allowed to purchase 2 cemetery spaces, at a resident's rate, because of his proximity to Ephraim City limits, there being no county cemetery and his years of service to Ephraim City. The motion was seconded by Board Member Stephen Crosland. All were in favor. The motion carried.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Beverly addressed the placement of Judith Olsen's memorial stone in the pioneer cemetery. There was a discussion about the timing of stone placements and the importance of not altering names on official records but instead updating them in the electronic database.

Beverly also brought up a primary project involving children learning about their ancestors and the early settlers of the area. It was noted that the stake primary would be organizing an event to educate children about the individuals interred in the cemetery, with family members in attendance to share their knowledge about their ancestors.

Furthermore, Beverly expressed a desire to enhance the blocks within the cemetery and implement a system for their identification, including the addition of a map on the back of the plaque.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

III. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

No board member reports.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Cemetery Board for consideration, Chair Beverly Thomas adjourned the Regular Cemetery Board Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Beverly Thomas 12-13-23

Beverly Thomas, Chair *Date*

ATTEST:

Megan Spurling 12-13-23

Megan Spurling, Secretary *Date*