

MINUTES
CEMETERY BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
MARCH 13, 2024
10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Chair Beverly Thomas, Board member Dale Nicholls, Ben Gordon, Council Liaison Chad Parry

Board Members Excused: Allen Kiesel, Steve Crosland, and Terry Lund

Staff Present: Guadalupe Corona

Others Appearing: Ephraim City Sexton Shane

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Cemetery Board convened on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, in the Ephraim City Hall Board Room. Cemetery Board Chair Beverly Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION

II.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 14th, 2024, Cemetery Board Meeting.

Approval of minutes has been continued due to not having a quorum.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Memorial Day Program

Beverly Thomas asks if a porta potty may be brought out to Pioneer Park during Memorial Day. Beverly Thomas will keep an eye on the Public Surplus Chad Parry states it may be a good idea for the city to look into purchasing some for city activities. Steve Crosland asks what the plans are for the tree stumps. Chad Parry states Mr. Larry Nielson was opposed to the cottonwood tree being cut down and he knows a historical story behind it that it was easier to place the stumps at the Pioneer Cemetery. Beverly Thomas suggests getting the story behind the tree and its importance. Beverly states Memorial Day Program

is on track, Paul Rasmussen will be the speaker and has a great story. Alma Lund will help raise the flag and still needs some more; May 27th is set for 10:00 am; chairs will be set up for about 50-150 people. They are honoring Fighter Pilot Lt. Leo Morris Christensen as the killed in action. Beverly states she is still looking for his family connections and they have newspaper articles. Dale mentions he may be able to find and contact some family. Beverly states several projects are being proposed and they are looking for grants. Ben Gordon is working on projects at the Pioneer Cemetery and Dale is working on projects with the annexation portion of the Park Cemetery. Some more proposed projects to come are a columbarium, Cremation gardens, back side of the monument and are in the works for future but also looking for funding.

B. Review Draft of By-Laws

Beverly goes over a draft of the proposed by-laws and everything it entails. Chad Parry states that regarding the by-laws; there a handful of people that have lived in Sanpete their whole life and reside outside Ephraim city limits. They do have family interred in both cemeteries and if they would be allowed to be on the cemetery board. Beverly asks if a variance would need to be approved for that person. Chad will find out what the city council's opinion. Guadalupe will get the City Manager's opinion regarding that as well.

IV. SEXTON REPORT-Shane Davis asks if it would be possible to have every other row of headstones flat and one row high, in the annexed area (O, N, & M) it will become difficult to dig graves over the higher headstones. He's heard the suggestion through vault companies as well. Dale Nicholls states it was suggested that it was proposed before, it was not enforced as the families would not let the city know what type of headstone was being purchased. Beverly Thomas states it may be required as an amendment in the ordinance if it passed. Shane Davis, it would be easier to dig the graves and for the vault companies. Beverly Thomas states the height restrictions must be followed from the city's cemetery brochure. Chad Parry suggests that if changes need to be added or made for any new burials, now may be a good time. If recommendation could be brought together by both the board members and the sexton to recommend to the City Council. Beverly Thomas suggests the ordinance be reviewed to see where changes may be wanted. Shane Davis recommends mapping and specifying the areas. Guadalupe Corona recommends the purchase agreement also be reviewed and updated if those changes were to be put in place. Shane Davis states something that should be budgeted for is the mini track hoes. He asks the newsletter to mention cemetery clean-up for next month. If people could remove old, broken, or fragile (glass) decorations. May 18th has been scheduled as a clean up day for the Pioneer Cemetery. There will be a clean-up day scheduled for Park Cemetery, but residents have to clean up before the City public works employees and volunteers will need to remove objects.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dale Nicholls-no comment

Ben Gordon- no comment

Chad Parry- Mentions the pine trees in front of the Public Works building, he would like to see if they can move the trees to either a park or cemeteries. The trees on the north side of the city are raising the concrete, they are big and there is no water. The states is looking at widening the road coming into town, they may be able to help cover the cost of removing the old diseased trees.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Cemetery Board for consideration, Chair Beverly Thomas adjourned the Regular Cemetery Board Meeting at 10:35 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Beverly Thomas
Beverly Thomas, Chair

4-23-24
Date

ATTEST:

M. Guadalupe Corona
M. Guadalupe Corona, Secretary

4-24-24
Date