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FAYETTE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY: APRIL 3RD, 2025

LOCATED AT FAYETTE TOWN HALL AT 7PM

FACILITATED BY MAYOR JED BARTHOLOMEW

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07 PM

ROLL CALL: Jed Bartholomew (Mayor), Joe Mellor, Keith Bartholomew, Melissa Mellor

PRAYER: Melissa Mellor

- 1) REVIEW MINUTES:** Minutes were not approved because they were not posted on website with sufficient time.
- 2) REVIEW EXPENDITURES:** No approval on expenditures. Need to go over them at next town council meeting.
- 3) CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION OF GRAVE SITE FOR SHERMAN LEE:** Mandy Bartholomew brought up a couple concerns. 1, she was curious who is going to be responsible for the rocks when the next person is buried. 2, was concerned that the rest of the headstones that go in will not be visible due to the elevation of the curb wall. Gerald Mellor brought up his concerns. He is concerned that when the headstone is placed on Mike Mellors gravesite, it will not be visible due to the elevation of the curb wall. He presented the council with pictures of the curb wall with a tape measure showing how high it is. Jed spoke about having Sunrise Engineering re survey the

cemetery and move the gravesites north of the curb wall to the south and eliminate the walkway between them. Gerald brought up 3 solutions. 1, the curb wall be lower back down to ground level. 2, the area east of the curb wall be raised up with fill, but was concerned that the area would be about 1' higher than the road. 3, the casket would have to be dug up and moved which Mike Mellors wife refused to do. Gerald asked about what the Cemetery ordinance says about this. Jed mentioned we found an ordinance that states that any improvements must be brought before the town council and there is a large sign at the Cemetery that states the same thing. Jed mentioned we will be discussing a new ordinance for the cemetery because of many issues that have happened in the past. Jessie Mellor refused the option of moving the casket to a different site, and is concerned about purchasing a headstone until the issue is resolved. Tori Fitzgerald, a granddaughter to Sherman Lee brought up her concerns. Tori stated that the family would take responsibility for the decorative rock within the curb wall. Tori says she will try to come up with the pictures that were taken after the curb wall was installed, and claimed that when it was installed it was not that high above the ground. She offered to pay to bring in fill dirt if that becomes an option. She claims that the headstone is sitting on the actual dirt and not on top of the rock. She was asked if she noticed the sign at the entrance of the cemetery and she answered yes. Then still claims that she reached out to Kathy and was given permission from her, to which Kathy denies. Keith Bartholomew asked her to describe in her opinion what a curb is. Dave Bown, who digs most of the graves for Fayette brought his concerns. He mentioned that because of the curb, he is not able to get access to dig the next graves. He is also concerned that the rock and fill dirt that was placed there is just going to cave in even if he is able to dig inside the curb wall. Tori and Cheryl volunteered to pay to bring a different piece of equipment to dig the next graves if that is an option. He is also concerned as to how the pallbearers will access the graves to the west when carrying a

casket. Tori claims that there is no plan to bury anyone else inside the curb wall so this shouldn't be an issue. Jed disagrees with that mentioning that it will happen over time. Maybe not in our generation, but definitely will over time. Jed mentioned that per state statute, the town has the ability to take control of the gravesite over time if it unused and ignored. Jed then clarified what was meant when the curb wall was called "ugly" by stating that it is purely how much the curb wall protrudes from the ground elevation and the towns stance on it right now is that it was never approved and would like to have it removed. Jed then stated that no one is allowed to drive over existing grave when excavating new grave. He then stated that when someone purchases a site that they do not own the ground, just the right to bury the deceased. Lawyers are working together to settle this matter also.

4) BUSINESS LISCENSE FOR TYSON HOLYOAK: New business license was approved.

5) BUILDING PERMIT FOR TYSON HOLYOAK: Council said everything looked good with the plans, but have not received paperwork back from Brandon Jensen. Will be discussed at next council meeting.

6) DISCUSSION OF NEW CEMETERY ORDANICES: It was stated that anything permanent wanting to be placed has to be approved by the town council. If flowers have been blown around by the wind, they will most likely be disposed of. Scott Bartholomew brought up the issue that people are not taking care of their individual sites and urged the community to do so. New Ordinance was discussed and reviewed, but not voted on. Will be voted on at next council meeting.

7) DISCUSSION ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE BRINGING THE VET TO ISSUE VACCINES AND LISCENSES: It was decided that the town will no longer be bringing a vet into town for vaccines and licensing. Citizens must take care of the vaccines on their own, yet licenses will still be issued from town clerk.

8) JIM SANDERS TO ADDRESS ON HOW TO GET FASTER INTERNET TO FAYETTE TOWN: Informed us of a program called ACAM. It's meant

to help get fiber internet to rural communities. He proposed we put up a 25' tower by the lower water tank and place a new microwave emitter that can reach the entire valley with an upload speed of 1 GIG. He questioned if there was power up there as the new product needs 110 power to operate. He mentioned a conduit that was running underground and was wondering if we could run romex wire through that and install an outlet.

9) UPDATES ON SPRING: We have all necessary parts for the pump, just needs to be installed. Electricians are scheduled to wire everything in and bring pump to operational status. Both chlorinators are down but still have passing results for water.

10) WATER REPORT: Account #80 needs to be notified of delinquent account. Also given notice that the water leak on the property needs to be fixed within 90 days.

11) P&Z REPORT: Town needs to obtain bids to have weeds sprayed.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS: A list of holidays needs to be written up for Breanne Mashek so she has notice to place the flags around town. Jed wants the town council to start documenting all their own responsibilities into a binder so when a new council member fills the spot, the binder will help make the transition smoother.

TOWN COUNCIL ITEMS:

JED BARTHOLOMEW, MAYOR: Office, Cemetery, Website

JOE MELLOR: P&Z, Park, Weeds

MELISSA MELLOR: Newsletter, Animal Control, Water

BREANNE MASHEK: Celebrations, Flags, Grants

KEITH BARTHOLOMEW: Emergency Preparedness, Cemetery, Fire

ADJOURNMENT OF TOWN MEETING: Melissa Mellor made the motion to close the meeting. Joe Mellor 2nd the motion and the meeting was closed at 8:55pm

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