

MINUTES
CEMETERY BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
MARCH 10, 2026
10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Chair Beverly Thomas, Board members Terry Lund, Scott Hansen, Vickie Olsen, Steve Crosland, Dale Nicholls and Ben Gordon.

Board Members Excused:

Staff Present: Guadalupe Kenison and Troy Birch are present. Shane Davis is present via phone.

Others Appearing: Jack Bailey

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Cemetery Board convened on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in the Ephraim City Hall Board Room. Cemetery Board Chair Beverly Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

MOTION

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of February 10, 2026, Cemetery Board Meetings.

Board Member Ben Gordon moved to approve the Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2026. The motion was seconded by Board Member Steve Crosland. All are in agreement. The motion carried.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Memorial Day Program

Beverly reminds the board members that the Memorial Day Program is in two months, they are still looking for a speaker, she confirms the other positions and volunteers who will be helping. She confirmed the Killed in Action being honored this year is Kimball Canute Peterson. Pioneer Cemetery Clean-up Day is scheduled for May 16th at 9:00 am.

B. Revisions of Cemetery Ordinance

Beverly states a lot was changed and re-formatted and does not believe that the board can give it due diligence today and would like to table it. She has questions regarding the changes and would like to know what brought on the request for changes. Guadalupe mentioned some are just wording or defining terms better as per state staff, city staff, and our city attorney. Beverly expresses her concern on the OHV not allowed concern regarding the term "resident" being changed, the decorations allowed and not allowed, and other concerns.

Board Member Terry Lund moved to approve to table the revisions of the cemetery ordinance. The motion was seconded by Board Member Scott Hansen. All are in agreement. The motion carried.

C. Board Terms

Beverly confirms the term has been renewed for Ben Gordon. Guadalupe mentions it is believed that Beverly has been on the board since 2008 and became chair in 2016.

D. Request for Variance for Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery- Jack Bailey

Jack Bailey is present. A packet is provided to the board members of the details of the proposed memorial in the Pioneer Cemetery. Shane Davis is present via phone. Jack presents the reason his family would like to put this memorial up for James Bailey, who immigrated to Sanpete with his wife and five children in 1856. He'd like to set the area of 15 feet East-West, and 12 feet North-South, reinforce it to support the memorial and prevent sinking. He explains the design of the bronze statue and the calculations he's done.

Jack confirms all expenses will be covered by him and his family and it will be donated to the Pioneer Cemetery. Discussion is held regarding the recommended fencing and how powder coating would be the best choice. Jack states the turnaround time on the bronze is 30-80 days and their target completion is for November 2026.

Board Member Scott Hansen moved to approve the request for variance for the memorial at Pioneer Cemetery by Jack Bailey and family. The motion was seconded by Board Member Vickie Olsen. All are in agreement. The motion carried.

IV. SEXTON REPORT: No report.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **AD HOC Committee Fallen Soldiers Committee:** Beverly states the statue has been proposed to be placed in the middle of the concrete octagon looking towards the flags to the East. The flags will need to be moved about ten feet to the East. The committee is holding a fundraiser to raise money as it will cost about \$70,000. Beverly asks Troy Birch if the city would consider funding part of a capital improvement for this Veterans Memorial. Troy asks if they received \$40,000 from RAP Tax, Beverly confirmed they did.

B. **Park Cemetery Flag Holder Prototypes:** Beverly asks for the progress on the prototypes. Terry states they are still working on getting one and Ben may have an idea of one that could be permanently attached.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public is present.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ben Gordon- He states the crested wheat was planted for a purpose, he asks Jack Bailey to spray within the plot, so it doesn't kill it off.

Dale Nicholls-no comment

Steve Crosland- no comment

Scott Hansen- He would like to show Jack's idea of a memorial to Mark and Laura Peterson.

Troy Birch- no comment

Terry Lund- no comment

Vickie Olson- no comment

Beverly Thomas-

ADJOURNED

Board Members are all in agreement to close of the meeting. All are in agreement. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Cemetery Board for consideration, Chair Beverly Thomas adjourned the Regular Cemetery Board Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Beverly Thomas
Beverly Thomas

6-9-26
Date

ATTEST:

M. Guadalupe Kenison
M. Guadalupe Kenison, Secretary

6/9/26
Date

