

**MINUTES**  
**CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD**  
REGULAR MEETING  
CEMETERY OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM  
October 23, 2014  
3:00 P.M.

The following members of the Cemetery Advisory Board were present: Ms. Deborah Saroff, Mr. Lawrence Pollack, Mr. Brian Waddington, Mr. Pat Gormely, Mr. Dennis Irvin and Mr. Larry Fry. Absent was Mr. Stephan Konz. Also, present were Mr. Mike Mohler, Cemetery Sexton; Casey Smithson, Park Superintendent; and Ms. Chrissy Kramer, Administrative Assistant.

Visitor: Mr. Wynn Butler, Mayor, City of Manhattan and Mr. Mike Carlson.

MINUTES

Ms. Saroff called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Waddington to approve the June 2014 minutes. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

SEXTON'S REPORT

Mr. Mohler stated that revenue for cemeteries were as follows: Sunrise Cemetery - \$39,975 to include sales and burials; Sunset Cemetery – \$13,100 for burials only.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mohler advised that the bell tower is working again. The K-State Engineering Department worked on the tower and stated that the east speaker is blown and will be repaired as well as some lighting issues. After some discussion regarding a new contract, upkeep, and ownership, Mr. Mohler will discuss the bell tower with Mr. Eastes to see what the best way to proceed with this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Pet Cemetery – Mr. Butler stated some people have shown an interest in a pet cemetery. Mr. Mohler said there is no viable area in the cemeteries and that a cemetery of this type would not generate revenue. After discussions, Mr. Pollock made a motion to discontinue discussions of a pet cemetery to be developed by the City. On unanimous vote 6-0.

Columbarium – Discussions by the board began about placement, types, road construction to the area, costs, as well as maintenance by the city. Mr. Mohler stated that Sunset Cemetery would not be an acceptable area for a columbarium and suggested Sunrise Cemetery. Mr. Mohler had printouts of various types of columbariums for review. Columbariums would not be provided by the City; however, Mr. Mohler suggested \$550 for the concrete padding for revenue purposes. Diagrams were provided to the Board to show potential areas. After discussions, Ms. Saroff suggested this be placed on the Agenda for December.

Natural burial – Mr. Butler advised that he has been contacted by several people with regard to a natural burial. There were lengthy discussions regarding space, requirements, and costs. After discussions, Mr. Irvin made a motion that Mr. Mohler explore certain areas of Sunrise Cemetery to see if a natural burial area is possible. Seconded by Mr. Fry. On vote, 6-0.

Scattering Garden – After a short discussion, Mr. Irvin made a motion that the scattering garden be taken off the cemetery board list of items to discuss and seconded by Mr. Gormely. On vote 6-0.

Meeting adjourned.