

MINUTES
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD
SUNRISE CEMETERY
April 19, 2018 - 3:00 P.M.

The following members of the Cemetery Advisory Board were present: Mr. Al Hamscher, Mr. Pat Gormely, Mr. Richard Akins, Mr. Brian Waddington, Ms. Deborah Saroff and also present were Mr. Mike Mohler, Cemetery Sexton; Mr. Casey Smithson, Park Superintendent; and Mr. Alfonso Leyva, Park Planner.

Absent: Mr. Mike Carlson.

A. MINUTES

Mr. Hamscher was absent at the beginning of the meeting so Ms. Saroff called for a motion to approve the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Gormely, seconded by Mr. Akins. On 4-0 vote, motion carried. Mr. Gormely wanted to confirm that Dr. Reay is no longer on the board and Mr. Mohler confirmed that indeed her term had expired.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

C. SEXTON'S REPORT

Mr. Mohler stated that revenue for the current year were as follows: Sunrise Cemetery \$25,750 to include sales and burials; Sunset Cemetery \$1,600 to include sales and burials. Mr. Mohler provided an annual report for January – March 2018 burials.

D. ADVISORY BOARD BY-LAWS

Mr. Mohler stated that a member of the Cemetery Advisory board needs to be present at a City Commission meeting when presenting business.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Leyva presented to the board and provided a map as to where the site would take place on the grounds for the Natural Burial Section. Mr. Gormely asked a question about moving soil and Mr. Mohler stated that moving soil is not filling.

Mr. Mohler stated that he tries to plant at least 10 trees a year in the Cemetery. He also stated that the Natural Burial Section will only be mowed once a year, thus starting a conversation about possible plants like Little Bluestem grass in the Natural Burial Section.

Mr. Mohler stated there will be no indication as to where someone will be buried, people will have to check with the office if they are wanting to find someone. A map will be posted that will have a number on it, no names that will indicate where a particular person is buried. Ms. Saroff asked if the stainless steel marker could be put in cement. Mr. Mohler answered that it could not go in the Natural Burial Section of the Cemetery.

Mr. Waddington asked the question about when cremations come back in the plastic bag with a metal identifier on it, can it go into the Natural Burial Section. Mr. Mohler answered that it was incidental metal and it identifies the person.

The remainder of the meeting took place on the Cemetery grounds as we viewed the proposed Natural Burial Section site location.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mohler stated that we need to talk about fees for the entire cemetery at the next meeting. Also we will vote on the Natural Burial Section.

Meeting adjourned.