

**Cemetery Commission
Minutes**

May 12, 2020

New City Cemetery

4:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Carrie Wenzel called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Chairperson Carrie Wenzel, Dallas Pautz, Ronnie Eickert, Mary Levash, Joan Holzschuh, and Andy Geiger.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion – Holzschuh moved to approve the agenda as printed and circulated. Seconded by Levash. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 18, 2020 CEMETERY COMMISSION MINUTES:

Motion - Levash moved to approve the March 18, 2020 Cemetery Commission minutes. Seconded by Holzschuh. Holzschuh corrected the spelling of her last name, correct spelling is Holzschuh. Call vote. Motion carried.

APPOINT A MINUTE TAKER:

Motion - Holzschuh moved that each member of the commission take a turn. Seconded by Eickert. Motion carried. Wenzel chose the Spring meeting, Eickert will take the minutes at the Fall meeting.

WEED CONTROL:

Geiger reported he received a bill from Nicklaus Landscaping for the 2017 and 2018 yearly fall treatment for \$1,300.00. Since these bills were not paid in the calendar year of the treatment, the monies set aside in the budget are no longer available. Holzschuh recommended to Geiger to check if there are funds available from the previous borrowing (cemetery road), and if so, if we can legally use the money. If not, he is going to go to the Council to determine where the funds can come from.

Motion – Holzschuh motioned to approve the bill from Nicklaus Landscaping for \$1,300.00. Seconded by Levash. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON TREES:

Geiger advised the commission as to what trees were being cut down and which were being trimmed. This work would begin June 2nd, and should take a few days. Pautz asked if this included stump removal. Geiger advised, yes it did.

SEXTON DUTIES:

Wenzel advised the City is still looking for a volunteer to perform the sexton duties. Jerome Pop advised the commission he would like to retire. Geiger did ask Mark Fisher (currently does this for Trinity Cemetery). Fischer declined. The Commission should continue to ask around and advise Geiger if they are made aware of someone that would be interested in the Sexton position.

MARKERS FOR VETERENS GRAVE STONES:

Don Wittmann had asked Mel Edinger to ask the Cemetery Commission, if the City would drill a hole into the grave stones of the veteran graves to allow a flag to be flown. Holzschuh was concerned if this would damage the stone, and who would organize.

Motion - Eickert moved to not approve or move forward with the inquiry as the potential to ruin the stone. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Geiger advised the Commission to listen for feedback or concerns constituents might have regarding the cemetery. Geiger also advised he was going to talk to Jerome Popp to remove the pile in front of the building at the New Cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eickert thought that the sunken graves could use a bit of a cleanup, running a weed whacker around and at an angle 2 to 3 times a year to keep them cleaner looking. Pautz commented the cemeteries look nice.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately

Carrie Wenzel
Chairperson
Cemetery Commission