

**Cemetery Board  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 4, 2015 – 5:00 pm**

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**Present:** Scott Buckman, Ryan O'Dell, and Linda Shumate.

**Absent:** Bob Carlton, James Weyrauch and Ambrose Buckman, Mayor.

**Also Present:** Sharon Powell, Councilwoman, David Haugland, City Manager, and Shannon Stroud, Cemetery Board Secretary.

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2. **Presentation:** Kit Smith is in attendance to inform the Cemetery Board of his intent to work in conjunction with Wreath's Across America, to put a wreath on all deceased veteran's graves in the Excelsior Springs and surrounding area, and remove them by their removal date. Smith is waiting on approval from Wreath's Across America to be added to their list of approved cemetery sites, which Excelsior Springs is a suggested name on the list. Once accepted, people will be able to visit their webpage to make donations. This will also serve the purpose until Smith can afford a webpage of his own. Smith and his son placed 36 wreaths on graves this past year. Preparation starts in November and most are placed by February. Cemetery Board Members thanked Mr. Smith for their service.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The November and December 2014 meeting minutes cannot be approved for lack of members and will be brought back to the March 2015 Cemetery Board Meeting.
4. **Budget Spreadsheets:** Linda Shumate motioned to approve the November and December 2014 budget spreadsheet totals. Scott Buckman seconded. Motion approved. October 2014 totals had been approved at a previous meeting.
5. **Old Business:**
  - Fence Row** – Update by David Haugland, City Manager, the fence row has been cleared. Katie Noyd, Parks and Recreation Director and David Haugland will decide what greenery to put in place to divide the cemetery and Century Park.
  - Spring Clean Up** – Brent Bishop applied chemicals to both cemeteries for the fall. Spring Clean-up will happen in April.
  - Tombstone Tour** – Lance Lamb will come before the board for a formal request, representing the Cultural Guild, to update on the Tombstone Tour in 2015. They want to move it to Hillcrest Cemetery; parking would be on the east end, and they would like to utilize the VA Clinic for additional parking.
  - Rules and Regulations** – Linda Shumate referenced the new wording for rules and regulations. David Haugland will take to City Council sometime in March 2015.
6. **New Business:** None.
7. **Comments:** None.
8. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

Shannon Stroud  
Cemetery Board Secretary