

**Cemetery Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 7, 2014 – 5:00 pm**

Present: Ryan O’Dell, Linda Shumate, Jim Weyerauch, and Scott Buckman.

Absent: Bob Carlton.

Also Present: Ambrose Buckman, Mayor, David Haugland, City Manager, and Shannon Stroud, Cemetery Board Secretary.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Linda Shumate motioned to approve the Cemetery Meeting minutes of February 13, 2014 and April 2, 2014; James Weyrauch seconded. Motion unanimously approved.
2. **Old Business:**
 - Budget Spreadsheets** – Board member James Weyerauch asked for an explanation of a \$145 overpayment in the January budget spreadsheet. David Haugland provided the answer. James Weyrauch motioned to approve the January, February, and March 2014 budget spreadsheets. Linda Shumate seconded. Motion unanimously approved.
 - Election of Chairman** – Linda Shumate nominated Ryan O’Dell for Chairman. Scott Buckman seconded. Motion unanimously approved.
 - Shepherd’s Hooks** – Sexton, Roberta Keeton is now experiencing problems with an excessive number of shepherds hooks. She requested that board members consider limiting the number of shepherd’s hooks to two (2) at each grave site.
 - Mausoleum** – the inside will be checked and cleaned, the outside flower pots will be filled, and seeding will be done on the graves that need it in preparation for Memorial Day.
3. **New Business:**
 - Visitors** – Sybill Taylor, Andy Yelton, Summer McFall, Sherry Branson-Hurt are in attendance to voice their concerns of specific issues that are not being taken care of in both Cemeteries. Cybill Taylor began the discussion for the group. The family is aware of the cemetery rules and the clean ups that happen twice a year and they have followed all the rules. All mementos, purchased by the owners of the plot, have been removed by the City and destroyed. They don’t believe this issue is due to theft because the items have come up missing since the City began the clean-ups. The monument is the property of the owner; the items on the monument are the property of the owner, the City is not. Vases, flowers, and miscellaneous (expensive) items placed on top of the stone are being removed and destroyed by the City. This is disrespectful of our buried loved ones. It is also disrespectful to leave the gravesite unseeded. Sybill’s sons grave has been this way for over 2 years, picture provided. This is happening in both cemeteries. Is the City reliable for this? All visitors in attendance at this meeting have called the City Manager but have not received a response, nor have the issues been taken care of. How does the City get the word to the families about the clean-up and the rules for the cemeteries? Visitors are asking if they have to get legal counsel involved to get this taken care of. City Manager, David Haugland and Mayor Ambrose Buckman informed visitors of the disarray that the cemeteries were in when the city was given authority over them and that a clean-up had to happen. Visitors were also given information regarding the websites and the communication used by the City for any rules and changes associated with the cemeteries. They ended their time stating that the issues brought forth need to be fixed, not just for our family but for all.

Visitors thanked the board for listening to their concerns. David Haugland stated he would accommodate by modifying the rules.

4. **Comments:** None.
5. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Shannon Stroud
Cemetery Board Secretary