

CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMISSION

May 21, 2014

The special meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission held on the 21st day of May, 2014, was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS BALDWIN AND CHAMBERS

Also Present: CEMETERY OPERATIONS MANAGER SALLIS, CITY MANAGER DANIELS, AND PARKS/CEMETERY MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR CALLAWAY

PBLC APRN: None

2014-2015 BUDGET City Manager Daniels explained the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget and the overall finances of the city. He outlined cuts that have been done in various departments and other cuts that are being looked at as the city cannot continue to lose money when the expenditures are greater than revenues. He felt that the city council might look at putting a measure on the ballot asking the voters to raise a tax.

City Manager Daniels further explained that the general fund subsidizes the cemetery to about \$25,000 so the Commission might need to consider an increase in fees to cover expenses. He suggested we might consider leasing out the cemetery noting that he's been approached by an individual who owns a crematory. There are several options but we might consider the city continuing maintenance of the cemetery grounds and letting this individual lease a portion of the property to build a crematory on-site.

CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE spoke on a problem in the southwest corner of the cemetery where the grass is dying leaving patches of dirt and her concern with maintaining grass in these areas. Supervisor Callaway explained the low water pressure and aging/rust in the pipes which restricts the water flow.

Discussion was held on the possibility of leasing a portion of the cemetery property for a crematory and/or other private endeavors.

After a review of the proposed budget, the Commission eliminated the telephone expense (\$950) requesting that the phone be disconnected as calls are handled through city hall; leave in but do not use the fertilizer expense (\$1,000) and watch to see if there is a degradation of the grass/trees; and requested that Supervisor Callaway work up a cost to replace the water line in the southwest corner of the cemetery grounds.

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COMMISSIONER BALDWIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS, to approve the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget for cemetery operations as modified (elimination of telephone expense and restrict use of fertilizer expense). Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE, COMMISSIONERS
BALDWIN AND CHAMBERS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE noted that Cathy McConnell has asked for volunteers to help beautify and put out flags and crosses on Decoration Day (Friday, May 23). Manager Sallis explained that the large flags will not be put out along the interior roads this year.

ADJOURN

COMMISSIONER BALDWIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS, to adjourn. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE, COMMISSIONERS
BALDWIN AND CHAMBERS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE declared the special meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission held on the 21st day of May, 2014, adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Chairperson

_____ Cemetery Operations Manager