



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Burns Cemetery Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 7th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Burns City Hall Council Chambers.

AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- Approve minutes from January 3, 2024

OLD BUSINESS

- Continued Discussion on the Columbarium
- Continued Discussion on the plotting of the new section of the cemetery

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Burns Cemetery Committee Meeting January 3, 2024

The Cemetery Committee Meeting was held at the City of Burns Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were Committee Members: Chairperson Judy Erwin, Lois Taylor, Jackie Caizza, Dauna Wensenk, Jim Withee, David McDonald, Richard Merritt, David Moss, Scott Thomas, and Secretary Tiffany Leffler.

Committee member Bettina Bowman was excused.

Chairperson Judy Erwin called the meeting to order at 10:00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Member Lois Taylor made a correction to the May 3, 2023, minutes. She informed the Committee that the second paragraph under New Business stated there was one World War II headstone and one Civil War headstone and that they were replacements. That was incorrect. Both Stones are World War II, and they are not replacements.

Committee Member Jim Withee said there were trees that were donated in Bob Otley's name that will be planted in the Spring.

City Manager Judy Erwin informed the Committee that they would not be purchasing anymore trees until the plotting of the new portion of the cemetery was completed. This will hopefully insure there are funds to do so.

Committee Member Lois Taylor said there were a lot of headstones that still needed to be made and set including the World War II for Velmo Salvo, that is to be placed between his parents.

Committee Member Jackie Caizza mentioned that some of the committee members had gone up to the cemetery after the last meeting and enlarged the memorial area.

Committee Member Lois Taylor inquired about being able to place more than one memorial stone in more than one place up at the Cemetery for a single individual. She believes it should be one memorial stone per person and they should be placed where their remains are.

The committee discussed a situation that had taken place the previous year where an individual had a second memorial stone placed in a different place in the cemetery than their remains.

Committee Member David McDonald felt the city shouldn't be able to tell someone what they can do on the property they purchased up there excluding what is in the bylaws. If we wanted to do that, we would need to amend them to state that, but he still felt we shouldn't dictate how people grieve their loved ones.

Committee Member Jim Withee felt if it happened more then the committee would worry about it and consider doing more. This is not something that has happened before.

City manager Judy Erwin informed the committee that she would discuss the rules and regulations with the City Attorney Jeremy Green.

Committee Member Lois Taylor said the Civil War re-enactment group mentioned wanting to come over to do a Dedication Ceremony for the Civil War Veterans that were laid to rest at the Burns Cemetery. She said the American Legion would like to be involved as well and she had hoped to do it in the Spring sometime. Lois would handle the details and let the committee know when it would be.

Committee Member Jim Withee said he felt the cemetery needed a drip system for the trees on the left side of the road entering the cemetery. They were considerably smaller than the trees on the other side of the road.

David Moss said once they installed the sprinkler system in the new portion of the cemetery, those trees would get more water. He did want to make the committee aware of the fact that the roads at the cemetery were in dire need of maintenance.

City Manager Judy Erwin said she would talk to Public Works Director Ty Richardson and see if they would be able to patch them.

The Committee briefly looked over and discussed the budget. There was \$99,700.00 in the budgeted for the cemetery.

City Manager Judy Erwin felt a good portion of that would go to the development of the new portion of the cemetery which was why she wanted to hold off on purchasing any more trees.

Committee Member David McDonald mentioned to the committee that when the new portion of the cemetery is plotted, they should consider getting a Columbarium put in. Carol Lynde is one person interested in it getting one put in. He said they have been asking people when they come in to LaFollette's Chapel what they would prefer when they are handling their loved one's final affairs. The consensus was that they would rather put their loved one's ashes in a Columbarium rather than in the ground.

More discussion was had and the committee agreed it is something they should look into. They had also mentioned that in a previous meeting they believed they had discussed it being put on the South end of Section C (new section, bottom half).

Committee Member David McDonald thought there may be grants out there that could help the city fund something like that especially because the Burns Cemetery was designated as a historical place by the Historical Cemetery Association in 2010.

There was no further discussion.

Committee Member Jackie Caizza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Committee Member Jim Withee 2nd. All Ayes.

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From: Bruce Brown <1111brucebrown@att.net>
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2024 1:58 PM
To: jerwin@cityofburnsor.gov
Subject: Planting Trees at the Burns Cemetary

I know that Spring comes late in Burns but it will get there. I am hoping to have something in place to allow you to plant a tree or two for me at the Cemetary. I spoke with you a few weeks ago but I don't know what to do next. I left a message at 4B Nursery then and again today but I am still waiting to hear from them. Please let me know what to do next.

Thank you, Bruce

Bruce C. Brown
Reply to bcbrown@ieee.org