



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Burns Cemetery Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Burns City Hall Council Chambers.

AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- Approve minutes from February 7, 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

February 7, 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, Jackie Caizza, Dauna Wensenk, Jim Withee, David McDonald, David Moss, and City Clerk Tiffany Leffler. Also present, Carol Lynde.

Chairperson Judy Erwin called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

January 3, 2024, Cemetery Minutes - Committee Member Jackie Caizza made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Duana Wensenk seconded the motion. All ayes.

Columbarium – Committee Member David McDonald had given the committee handouts on 3 different options for the Columbarium the committee has been discussing. He then discussed a little on them and informed the committee that he liked option 3, which was the octagon shaped one. It weighed approximately 12,500 lbs. and its footprint was 80" x 76". It was light grey and would cost \$34,454.00 plus a \$2,500.00 delivery fee. The other options were rectangular in shape and light grey. One weighed 9000 lbs., its footprint was 90"x 33", and is cost \$24,155.00 plus the \$2,500.00 delivery fee. The other weighed 6500 lbs., its footprint was 60" x 33", and it cost \$17,787.00 plus the \$2,500.00 delivery fee. He informed them it would cost \$1200.00 - \$1500.00 just for the space in the Columbarium and would not include any other fees that would go along with it. He said there was also an option to have tiny vases that hold a flower or 2 that are attached to the outside of each space. He felt that it could be an issue with people vandalizing and breaking them off which could damage the granite and become very expensive to fix. He also thought it would be nice to place a granite bench outside of the columbarium as well. He said they had also planned on investing in another Columbarium when the other was three quarters of the way paid off.

Carol Lynde asked questions on how it would all work and what the cost to cremate or bury normally is.

David McDonald said currently a cremation was \$1575.00, and a full burial was around \$4000.00 - \$10,000.00. With the Columbarium the \$1200.00 - \$1500.00 is just for the space in the Columbarium. This did not include the other fees such as, the cremation or embalming, open/close, Perpetual Care, the Niche Plate, and other things such as that. He informed them that the selling and revenue from the Columbarium spaces would go to Lajolette's Chapel and the city could handle the fees for the open/close, Niche Plate, Perpetual Care, and other things of that nature.

Committee Member Jim Withee pointed out that they had already chosen a spot for the Columbarium in the North and South Portions of the cemetery.

David McDonald said if they choose to put one in, he could have it done by next year, but City Manager Judy Erwin would need to talk with the city's legal first and let him know what they thought of all this. He said he would also find out what it would cost to engrave the Niche Plates.

Carol Lynde asked if more than one person could be put in a single space of the Columbarium.

David McDonald said it would all depend on the size of the urn or box the cremains were in. If they were in the small container like the plastic boxes that Lafollette's Chapel uses (12x12), two cremains could be placed in one space.

Duana Wensenk asked if the city could create a side-by-side comparison of what a full burial, a cremation burial, or a space in the Columbarium would cost. This way the Committee could look over them and it would show them the difference in burial prices from start to finish.

Chairperson Judy Erwin said the city would do that.

The committee also discussed needing to replace Judy Erwin as Council Chair due to she is now the City Manager. They asked her to discuss it with the other council members and see if someone would step in for her.

Plotting of the New Section in the Cemetery – City Manager Judy Erwin informed the committee that they were having a hard time finding someone who could do what they were looking for and just plot the lots out. The places they had contacted wanted to GIS map them out and that was not what they were looking for at the moment.

David McDonald let them know that they usually do it all.

City Manager Judy Erwin said the city did not have the funds to do everything right now. They just needed the lots laid out so they can get the sprinkler system in. When that is done, they can see what money was left and look into doing more.

There was more discussion on what they could do to get it done. The committee decided to find someone local who could map out the corners. Then they could have the Cemetery Sexton David Moss map out the lots out. They felt it would be easier to find someone to do just the corners and locally. Also, with David Moss being the one that deals with the utilization of the lots it could be helpful for him to lay them out how he knows they would work best.

There was no further discussion.

Committee Member David McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Committee Member Jim Withee seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Full Burial

Lot
Perpetual Care
Opening/Closing
Filing Fee

\$225.00
\$425.00
\$350.00
\$10.00

Cremation

Lot
Perpetual Care
Opening/Closing
Filing Fee

\$100.00
\$125.00
\$175.00
\$0.00

Colossus/Adium

Niche
Niche Plate/Engrave
Open/Close
Filing Fee

\$1400-\$1500
\$192.00-\$300.00
\$175.00
\$10.00

5 Tiers - Cost per Tier

Top Tier

\$1,500.00
\$1,400.00
\$1,300.00
\$1,200.00
\$1,100.00

Niche Plate Cost

Name & Date
Name & Design
Art Work, Etc.
Medallions Cost Misc

\$192.00
\$240.00
\$300.00

Bottom Tier

Plain
Design
Special