

MINUTES  
EAGAR CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 10, 2011  
8:00 a.m.

Eagar Cemetery Committee Chairwoman Becky Pacey welcomed those present and called meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. At roll call, all members present introduced themselves.

PRESENT:   Becky Pacey, Chairwoman  
              Kim Holaway, Mayor  
              Tim Rasmussen, Councilor  
              Norma Coddington  
              Linda Eagar  
              Elwin Browning, Public Works Director  
              Marion Wiltbank, Assistant Town Clerk

NEW MEMBERS: Becky Crosby  
                  Deanne Pyper

GUEST:       Eva Wilson, Town Clerk

ITEM #3: CONSENT AGENDA:

A. MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2010

Mayor Kim Holaway moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2010.  
Seconded by Linda Eagar and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

ITEM #4: NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO RECRUIT NEW CEMETERY  
COMMITTEE BOARD MEMBERS

Chairwoman Becky Pacey welcomed the two new members, Becky Crosby and Deanne Pyper to the Cemetery Committee Board.

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR DOUBLE STACKING  
OF GRAVES (COMPANION GRAVES)

Elwin Browning said that the double stacking of graves (companion graves) could be done in all sections of the cemetery. A companion grave would only be done if a casket is not already in the grave. Double deep lawn crypts would be required, so that a coffin could not break through and slide into the next grave, which is dangerous to the workers and has happened with single graves. Marion Wiltbank said the cost of a double deep lawn crypt was around \$310.00 without the delivery fees. It was discussed that the town would not provide the lawn crypts, but that Burnham Mortuary could provide them. Eva Wilson said this item would change the Town Code and would have to be an Ordinance. Mayor Kim Holaway said that the Town has limited land to be used for cemetery graves and that is why we are looking into companion graves / double stacking of graves. Marion Wiltbank said the town only has 15 unsold cemetery grave plots left and the plots are only one here and there and two or three together.

Mayor Holaway moved to allow Double Stacking of coffins (Companion Graves) in grave plots that are not occupied already and once a casket is in a single grave, it cannot be converted to a stacked companion grave and that a double deep lawn crypt be required in all sections of the Town of Eagar Cemetery for Companion graves. Seconded by Councilor Tim Rasmussen and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF FEES FOR DOUBLE STACKING OF GRAVES (COMPANION GRAVES)

Linda Eagar asked if we itemize labor, equipment, gas and other stuff into the price of the cemetery fees? Elwin Browning will get the costs for the opening and closing of graves. Mayor Holaway said the cost of two single graves would be more expensive than a double stacked grave, as the town has limited land to be used for cemetery graves. This item will be brought back at the next cemetery meeting. Eva Wilson said that afterwards it would be taken to the Eagar Town Council as a resolution.

D. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING ONLY FLAT HEADSTONES IN THE NEW SOUTH SECTION OF CEMETERY

Marion Wiltbank said that this item needed to be voted on, as it was discussed at the last meeting, as it would become an Ordinance to be taken to the Eagar Town Council. Councilor Tim Rasmussen asked for the dollar figure for one public works employee and four inmates to maintain the cemetery every two weeks, as the rest of the council would be interested in the cost.

Mayor Kim Holaway moved that only flat headstones will be allowed in the new south (Maple) section of the Town of Eagar Cemetery. Seconded by Councilor Tim Rasmussen and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

This item was amended after item #5. B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF SIZE OF HEADSTONES TO BE ALLOWED IN THE BLOCK 000 (UPPER) SECTION OF THE CEMETERY and voted on again:

Mayor Kim Holaway moved that Headstones for single and companion (double stack) graves in the Maple section of the Town of Eagar Cemetery must be flat and level with the ground, are limited to 28 inches in width and 16 inches in depth and must be placed within the purchased plot boundaries. Seconded by Councilor Tim Rasmussen and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

Mayor Kim Holaway moved that Headstones for double (side-by-side) graves in the Maple section of the Town of Eagar Cemetery must be flat and level with the ground, are limited to 44 inches in width and 16 inches in depth and must be placed within the purchased plot boundaries. Seconded by Councilor Tim Rasmussen and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

E. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NAMING EACH SECTION OF THE CEMETERY

Chairwoman Becky Pacey said that the committee needed to name the different sections of the old cemetery, which are four sections and the middle upper section and the new section that

was being built, so there are six sections in all to name. Different names were discussed and it was decided to name the sections after trees and to avoid old family names in the area, as that would cause hurt feelings.

It could be an Eagle Scout project to make and set up signs for each section named. The scout would have to present the sign design to the Cemetery Committee before doing the project. Councilor Tim Rasmussen said that it would not be enough hours for an Eagle Scout project. Mayor Kim Holaway said that they could add benches or plant trees to go with the project. It was also discussed that the town had been trying to get a Boy Scout to do a project with the bricks that have the grave numbers on them lifted up in the Spruce section and renumbered.

Mayor Kim Holaway moved to name the first section in the old cemetery of the Town of Eagar furthest to the north Aspen, the second section would be named Oak, the third section named Cedar, fourth section named Juniper and the middle upper section would be named Spruce and the new section being built would be named Maple. Seconded by Norma Coddington and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

**ITEM #5: OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ADDING MORE CEMETERY PLOTS/NEW (MAPLE) SECTION TO THE CEMETERY**

Marion Wiltbank said that this item needed to be voted on, as it was discussed at the last meeting, as it would be added to the change of the Cemetery Ordinance that would be going to the Eagar Town Council. There are only around 15 plots left to be sold in the Spruce section of the Cemetery. Councilor Tim Rasmussen will check with the towns Finance Administrator Katie Wood to see if there was a separate budget line item for cemetery fees for the sell of plots to go in. Not the open/close fees that should go to Public Works for doing the work.

Mayor Kim Holaway moved to add the new Maple section to the Town of Eagar Cemetery and add to it as the budget allows. Seconded by Linda Eagar and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

**B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF SIZE OF HEADSTONES TO BE ALLOWED IN THE BLOCK 000 UPPER (SPRUCE) SECTION OF THE CEMETERY**

This item was already voted on at the last meeting and the Cemetery Committee amended this Item and voted on it again:

Mayor Kim Holaway moved that Headstones for single graves in the Spruce section of the Town of Eagar Cemetery are limited to 12 inches in height above ground, 28 inches in width, and 16 inches in depth and must be placed within the purchased plot boundaries. Seconded by Becky Crosby and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

Mayor Kim Holaway moved that Headstones for companion (double stack) graves in the Spruce section of the Town of Eagar Cemetery are limited to 12 inches in height above the ground, 28 inches in width, and 16 inches in depth and must be placed within the purchased

plot boundaries. Seconded by Becky Crosby and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

Mayor Kim Holaway moved that Headstones for double (side-by-side) graves in the Spruce section of the Town of Eagar Cemetery are limited to 12 inches in height above the ground, 44 inches in width, and 16 inches in depth and must be placed within the purchased plot boundaries. Seconded by Deanne Pyper and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF FOOTSTONES ON BLOCK 000 (UPPER) SECTION OF THE CEMETERY

Marion Wiltbank said this item was discussed at the last meeting, but was not voted on.

Mayor Kim Holaway moved that the Town of Eagar would not supply the footstones for the Spruce section of the Cemetery, but an individual could pay for a footstone to be placed at the foot of a grave that would have the maximum size of 24 inches in width and 16 inches in depth and flat and level to the ground. Seconded by Becky Crosby and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

ITEM #6: ADJOURNMENT

Norma Coddington moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Seconded by Deanne Pyper and all were in favor (vote 9-0).

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Chairwoman Becky Pacey