

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
EAGAR CEMETERY COMMITTEE
Eagar Town Hall
February 22, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.**

Cemetery Committee Chairperson Becky Crosby welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Roll call is as follows:

PRESENT: Becky Crosby, Chairperson
 Chris Heap
 Councilor Debra Seeley
 Linda Eagar
 Bryce Burnham
 Norma Coddington
 Bruce Ray, Public Works Director

STAFF: Eva Wilson, Town Clerk
 Marion Wiltbank, Assistant Town Clerk

ITEM #3: OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public in attendance.

ITEM # 4: CONSENT AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE BOARD
MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2015

Linda Eagar moved to accept the Cemetery Committee Board minutes of May 11, 2015.
Chris Heap seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried. 7-0

ITEM #5: NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A CEMETERY BUDGET FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2016/2017

Chairman Becky Crosby said that we needed benches at the top of Spruce and the bottom of Maple and one spigot at the top between Spruce and Maple sections. PW Director Bruce Ray said that Public Works was unable to put spigots in this last year but they did put in three benches.

B. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO REVISE EAGAR TOWN CODE
13.60.090.D. CEMETERY - MEMORIALS AND HEADSTONES; DECORATION OF
PLOTS

Bryce Burnham, Burnham Mortuary, said that besides effecting his business and the town getting less taxes he has had over twelve complaints on the small size of headstones allowed in the Spruce and Maple sections recently. Mr. Burnham would like to see the Town Code 13.60.090 revised to allow the bigger headstones in the Spruce and Maple sections. The reason the size of headstones were restricted was the town had limited man power for weeding and mowing, sprinklers in front of large headstones creating dead grass areas and damage to big headstones during the removal to dig graves. It says in 13.60.090.A. last sentence: "If a headstone has to be moved the Town of Eagar will not be held liable for any damage to headstone." And in E. "The town shall not be responsible for the preservation and care of any headstones, markers or memorials installed in the cemetery." So the Town of Eagar is covered in case of any damage to a headstone when they are moved.

Bruce Ray said that the bases and foundations also could sustain damages when they are moved with the headstone itself. It was decided by the Cemetery Committee that 13.60.090.A. needed to be revised to read for the lack of liability to the town, "In performing the regular duties of administering and maintaining the cemetery, the Town of Eagar will not be held liable for any damage to headstones, bases, or foundations." The Cemetery Committee also revised 13.60.090.C. by taking out the size restrictions and to read, "No size restrictions will be placed on headstones; all headstones, bases and foundations shall fit and be placed within the purchased plot boundaries." and 13.60.090.D would be eliminated entirely.

Linda Eagar moved to recommend to Eagar Town Council to revise Town Code Title 13.60.090 Cemetery by eliminating D. and revise A. to "In performing the regular duties of administering and maintaining the cemetery, the Town of Eagar will not be held liable for any damage to headstones, bases, or foundations." and C. to "No size restrictions will be placed on headstones; all headstones shall fit and be placed within the purchased plot boundaries." for easier enforcement and keeping everybody happy. Bryce Burnham abstained from voting because of Conflict of Interest. Chris Heap seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried. 6-0

C. DISCUSSION ON PLACEMENT OF THE FLOWER BARRELS IN THE CEMETERY AND BUYING FLOWERS FOR THE BARRELS

The Cemetery Committee decided to place flower boxes at the side of each bench. Bruce Ray said that there were 12 flower boxes at Public Works that the cemetery could use, the boxes just needed to be stained. Becky will let Bruce know how many boxes will be needed. They would buy good soil to put in the boxes and flowers with the \$500 that the committee still had left in their budget.

D. DISCUSSION TO BUY BENCHES, TREES, AND HOSES FOR THE CEMETERY

Two benches will be purchased this year and one spigot put in at the west side of the cemetery between Maple and Spruce. PW Director Bruce Ray will buy heavy duty hoses for the cemetery.

E. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULE THE CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY

The Cemetery Clean Up Day was scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016 starting at 8:00 a.m.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF OTHER CEMETERY BUSINESS

Flower planting day would be on Friday, May 27, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. and the flowers will be bought at Natalia's Nursery here in town as they give a 10% discount.

Chris and Steven Heap will donate some money for flowers again this year.

7. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Eagar moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m. Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried. 7-0

Chairwoman Becky Crosby