MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
EAGAR CEMETERY COMMITTEE
Eagar Town Hall
September 26, 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
             Councilor Debra Seeley
             Christine Heap
             Linda Eagar
             Bruce Ray, Public Works Director
             Bryce Burnham
             Norma Coddington

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. <u>CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE BOARD
    MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016</u>

   Bruce Ray moved to accept the Cemetery Committee Board minutes of May 2, 2016. Bryce
   Burnham seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried. 7-0

ITEM #5: OLD BUSINESS

A. <u>DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO REVISE EAGAR TOWN CODE
    CHAPTER 13.60 CEMETERY</u>

   Eva Wilson explained that the changes that are made to the Eagar Town Code Chapter 13.60
   Cemetery will be on the October 4th Council Agenda. Ms Wilson went through the changes
   she had made to the Cemetery Town Code: Eliminating double-depth plots; creating
   flexibility to waive the transfer of ownership fee; and general cleanup of sections, eliminate
   duplicate language, and improve readability.

   Town Manager Tami Ryall wanted the Perpetual Fund Fee added to the Town Code. The
   Cemetery Committee discussed 13.60.060.F: The Town may establish a Perpetual Fund Fee
   for the Future care and Maintenance of the Cemetery and shall be set from time to time by
   <u>resolution</u> of the ("resolution of the" was added) Town Council. The committee agreed it was
   a good idea to start the Perpetual Fund Fee for the maintenance of the cemetery for future
   years.

Bryce Burnham said that the word disinterment is used by the State of Arizona on cemeteries not exhumation/exhume. The committee agreed to keep the word "disinterment".

The Cemetery Committee agreed to the changes that were made and have it sent to Council.

B. <u>DISCUSSION ON WATERING OF THE FLOWER BARRELS AND TREES IN THE CEMETERY</u>

Next year they will do the watering differently and start in the spring, so some of the flowers will live.

The group discussed having another work day to clean up the flower beds for the winter. Bruce Ray said he had mulch at Public Works that the committee could use for the cemetery. The crew will drop off two piles of mulch: one pile on the northeast corner of the cemetery and one pile up at the top. Linda Eagar said she had two scouts that still needed to do service projects and she would bring them to the cleanup day. The date set for the Cleanup Day at the Eagar Cemetery was Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

C. <u>DISCUSSION ON THE PREPAYMENT OF THE OPENING & CLOSING OF A GRAVE BY A MORTUARY</u>

Bryce Burnham said that when a prepayment for the opening and closing is paid that when the person passes away be it 5 to 20 years from now they don't pay more money if the price of the opening and closing is raised by the cemetery. Because the cemetery had the use of the money that was prepaid. The family of the deceased shouldn't have to pay the difference of the current interment fees. If the family has to pay the difference there is no incentives to prepay the open/close. Bruce said that his crew was getting paid to work whether it was on roads, water, or cemetery and the amount that was charged for the open/close was more than enough. The cemetery committee agreed to change 13.60.060.C. to: Prepayment of interment will be accepted.

D. <u>DISCUSSION OF OTHER CEMETERY BUSINESS</u>

Linda Eagar was impressed with how many people come and go at the cemetery. Becky Crosby had heard compliments on our cemetery at a funeral she had attended and the people didn't know that she was on the cemetery committee.

ITEM #6: NEXT MEETING

Becky Crosby said the next meeting will probably be next year unless something comes up.

ITEM #7: ADJOURNMENT

Bryce Burnham moved to adjourn the meeting. Christine Heap seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried. 7-0

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Chairwoman Becky Crosby