



CRETE CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

April 29, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

MINUTES

Notice of the meeting was given by posting, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the attached notice, at the following locations:

City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

Post Office, 1242 Linden Avenue

City Bank and Trust, 1135 Main Avenue

Advance notice of the meeting was also given to committee members. Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, the City has posted a current copy of the Open meetings Act, Laws of the State of Nebraska, in the back of the council chambers. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

Pam Busboom: Present

Gene Eggerbratten: Absent

Jim Homan: Present

Larry Shestak: Present

Kathy Stastny: Present

Linda Unger: Present

Also present: City Administrator Tom Ourada

The minutes of the September 25, 2023 meeting were approved.

3. Items of Business

3.A. Blue Valley Cemetery washed out area

Despite the addition of rock, washout continues to be a concern at the Blue Valley Cemetery.

According to City Administrator Tom Ourada the road is going to be graded this week, which may help with the washout.

3.A.1. Roadway

3.B. GIS website in Crete News

The public may not be aware of the GIS website, which would enable them to locate grave sites.

Board member Pam Busboom moved that Ourada contact the Crete News about doing an article on the GIS website. Board member Linda Unger seconded the motion. All the board members in attendance voted yes.

3.C. Vice Chair/ Treasurer

President Stastny brought up that there was no one to conduct the meeting if she was absent.

Board member Shestak moved that the secretary conduct the meeting in the absence of the president. Board member Jim Homan seconded the motion. All the board members in attendance voted yes.

3.D. Maintenance of Cemetery

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that a person has been hired to help Cemetery Sexton Jason Dunham this summer.

3.E. Columbarium doors

The format for the Columbarium doors is to have the surname located at the top with the individual's name and year of birth and death below.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that the City will pay Speidell Monuments to replace any doors which are not in this format.

Busboom moved that all columbarium doors follow the same format and those that don't be replaced. Homan seconded the motion. All the board members in attendance voted yes.

4. Officers' Reports

Shestak reported that he and President Stastny met with Terri Brown and Jodie Schlacke, who live on properties adjoining the Blue Valley Cemetery, and expressed the following concerns: washout, tree stumps, pillars at the entrance need to be rerouted, trash cans need to be emptied more regularly, hunting, poaching, fireworks taking place.

City Administrator Tom Ourada stated that illegal activities can be reported to the Saline County Sheriff's Office. Since this property belongs to the City, it can be posted. It would be better to grind the tree stumps than remove them so that they won't disturb any graves.

Due to Memorial Day Holiday, the next meeting will be May 20th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment

4:31 p.m.