

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

COUNCIL MEMBER ---- INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2026, the city of Blair adopted Resolution No. 26-043 authorizing the City to provide notice to 2,600 burial spaces purchased prior to 1926 for possible reclamation by the City of Blair and resale of those burial spaces;

WHEREAS, several residents have come forward offering proof of ownership in the form of monuments purchased and placed, fencing, and other indicia of ownership;

WHEREAS, the Blair City Council authorizes the Cemetery Superintendent, the City Clerk, and the City Attorney to develop a policy evaluating ownership claims to cemetery lots;

WHEREAS, a policy will allow for a decision to be made regarding evidence of ownership and ultimately issuing deeds for residents that have shown proof by reasonable evidence that they are the owners of cemetery lots in the Blair cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Cemetery Superintendent and the City Clerk's office will work with staff, including the City Attorney, to determine the appropriate evidence for ownership and ultimately issuing a deed based upon a reasonable probability of ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, the City Council of the City of Blair, the Blair Superintendent, the City Clerk, staff, and City Attorney are authorized to evaluate claims of ownership within the Blair cemetery of the 2600 burial spaces that were included in the notice following Resolution No. 26-043 and to authorize the City Clerk's office to issue deeds onto properties that have provided sufficient proof of ownership.

COUNCIL MEMBER --- MOVED THAT THE RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED AS READ, WHICH SAID MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER --- UPON ROLL CALL, COUNCIL MEMBERS ----- VOTING "AYE" AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ---- AND VOTING 'NAY,' THE MAYOR DECLARED THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 2026.

CITY OF BLAIR, NEBRASKA

BY _____
MELINDA K. RUMP, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK
(SEAL)

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
):ss:
WASHINGTON COUNTY)

BRENDA WHEELER, hereby certifies that she is the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Clerk of the City of Blair, Nebraska, and that the above and foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of said City held on the 28th day of July 2026.

BRENDA WHEELER, CITY CLERK