



Cemetery Board Meeting April 22, 2025 5:30 PM City Hall

1. Call the Meeting to order and Roll Call

2. Verification of Open Meeting Notice posted at City Hall

We encourage residents to participate in our meetings. Public comment is an essential part of our democratic process. To ensure everyone has a fair opportunity to speak, we are implementing a three-minute time limit for each speaker per topic during the public comments section. This will allow us to hear from as many community members as possible. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to create a space that is respectful and open to all.

3. Discussion and Action Items:

3.a. Discussion and action on appointing a chairperson and vice chairperson for the cemetery board.

3.b. Discussion and action on minutes from previous meetings

3.c. Discussion of cemetery board duties and recent updates over past few years.

3.d. Discussion and action about budgeting next year regarding resetting headstones, painting of the flag poles and possibly renting equipment to help with painting, new block signs and any other needs for the cemetery.

3.e. **Public Comments**

4. Adjourn

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Franklin, Nebraska
April 30, 2024

A meeting of the Cemetery Board of the City of Franklin, Nebraska was held at City Hall in said City on April 30, 2024, at 1:00 PM

Upon roll call, the following board members were in attendance: Cindy Dean, Dan Dorn, Machelles Havenridge, Dave Platt, **Absent:** Betty Davis, Sharon Wiedel. Sam McKinney was present

Board member Cindy Dean gave notice that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was properly posted in the Council Chambers. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all board members and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of the notice and agenda was communicated in advance as in the notice to the board members of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Motion made by Dave Platt, seconded by Machelles Havenridge to approve minutes from previous meeting. Motion Passed.

Davis: Absent, Dean: Yea, Dorn: Yea, Havenridge: Yea, Platt: Yea, Wiedel: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion made by Dave Platt, seconded by Machelles Havenridge to approve appointing Cindy Dean as the chairperson and Dan Dorn for vice chair. Motion Passed.

Davis: Absent, Dean: Yea, Dorn: Yea, Havenridge: Yea, Platt: Yea, Wiedel: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Raquel Felzien updated the board on the new cemetery program. The program was installed January 23, 2024, and we have been working on learning the program. There are many features we can add to the program later if wanted.

Raquel Felzien spoke to Joe Stansbury from Center Monument in Smith Center Kansas about the cost to repair the old Veteran's Memorial. He said they could do that this summer and the estimated cost would be around \$2,000. He doesn't really know what it will cost until they start working on it.

Discussion on budget year 2025 and how much we should budget for painting of some or all the flag poles, maybe replacing the ropes and the plaques. The budget for Center Monument to repair or straightening of more headstones.

Motion made by Dave Platt, seconded by Dan Dorn to approve to move Long's headstone four (4) inches under special exception due to it being the end of the lot. Making this decision does not set a precedent for moving forward. Motion Passed.

Davis: Absent, Dean: Yea, Dorn: Yea, Havenridge: Yea, Platt: Yea, Wiedel: Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Adjourn meeting at 1:31 PM

Submitted by: Raquel Felzien, secretary.