

**MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
HIGHLAND CEMETERY BOARD
WEDNESDAY APRIL 6, 2022**

Chairman Robert Williams called to order the Special Called Meeting of the Highland Cemetery Board at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at the Parks and Recreations Office. Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall bulletin board as required by State Law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Gerald (Deuce) Gragg, Robert Williams, Barry Beauchamp

STAFF PRESENT: John Mullins, Cemetery Sexton

Katisha Wiley, Recording Secretary

VISITORS: Christina Garfield, Kim McConnell (Lawton Constitution)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Christina Garfield

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

No New

1. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, TO GIVE Christina Garfield's Daughter an Upright.

Christina Garfield daughter Atalana Ou

Williams introduced Christina to the board regarding her daughters headstone. Christina stated last July she wants her headstone and was told that she could get an upright and would have to take a flat stone. Williams stated that Spencer and them have not had a chance to talk to Mr. Maghee regarding the information that was given to her, but there were rules that needed to be followed before they can make that decision. Spencer stated that the rules and regulation that with a single grave space that its flat marker only and it would be a 2' x 1' flat marker and that's what can be allowed. Spencer was not sure if Maghee gave her a rules and regulation handbook. Gragg stated that Keith did talk to Mr. Maghee and that he stated that he told Christina that she could not have an upright. Christina stated that it was just he said she said and that is what he told her. Christina stated that her cousin did not have 4 plots either and if rules are rules then that should not be allowed either. (Gragg) you have to have 4 spaces in order to have an upright. (Beauchamp) asked where her daughter was located. (Gragg) stated its not fair to someone else who has bought their spaces. (Beauchamp) asked the cost is for a single space \$775.00. (Beauchamp) asked if there was an area that would allow 2 spaces with an upright? Christina stated that this has been going on since 2019 and it has not been resolved or gotten her daughter a headstone. (Spencer) his suggestion was if she were able to by the space besides her daughter and the board would let him, for the 2 spaces then he could allow an upright if she is willing to purchase another space. (Gragg) stated he's trying to work with her even on the price. The single upright starts at \$1100.00 with a 2' top on 3' base. (Williams) suggested tabling it until they can find out what space she is in and what can be done.

MOTION by Williams, SECOND by Gragg TO TABLE AND BRING BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING. AYES: WILLIAMS, GRAGG, BEAUCHAMP NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED.

1. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, TO CREATE A DOUBLE DEPTH SECTION OF THE CEMETERY AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

Tabled until next meeting for gathering more information.

MOTION by Beauchamp, SECOND by Williams TO TABL ITEM 1 AND BRING BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING. AYES: WILLIAMS, GRAGG, BEAUCHAMP NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED.

2. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL A COLUBARIUM SECTION OF THE CEMETERY AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

Tabled until next meeting for gathering more information

MOTION by Beauchamp, SECOND by Williams TO TABL ITEM 2 AND BRING BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING. AYES: WILLIAMS, GRAGG, BEAUCHAMP NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED.

3. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL TO ADD CREAMATION AS AN OPTION FOR THE CEMETERY AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

Tabled until next meeting for gathering more information

MOTION by Beauchamp, SECOND by Williams TO TABL ITEM 3 AND BRING BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING. AYES: WILLIAMS, GRAGG, BEAUCHAMP NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED

4. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE PROCEDURE REGARDING HARITY BURIALS AS AN OPTION FOR THE CEMETERY AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

Tabled until next meeting for gathering more information

MOTION by Williams, SECOND by Gragg TO TABL ITEM 4 AND BRING BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING. AYES: WILLIAMS, GRAGG, BEAUCHAMP NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL TO RAISE/ADD FEES CHARGED TO THE PUBLIC AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

Tabled until next meeting for gathering more information.

MOTION by Williams, SECOND by Gragg TO TABL ITEM 5 AND BRING BACK TO THE NEXT MEETING. AYES: WILLIAMS, GRAGG, BEAUCHAMP NAYS: None MOTION CARRIED

Comments:

The arch was discussed in passing and will be discussed at the next meeting, when more information is gathered.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Williams, Chairman
Highland Cemetery Board