

OAK HILL CEMETERY BOARD OF MANAGERS

Members present

Alderman Shawn Burtle
Greg Hager
Julio Monge
Kerry Ward

Also Present

Superintendent Bill Newberry
Mayor Barry
Scott McClure

Not Present

Judy Rodden

Superintendent Newberry called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.

ELECT CHAIRMAN OF CEMETERY BOARD

Superintendent Newberry advised that Mr. Jim Dennis has been the Chairman for many years and he has retired. The Cemetery Board will recognize Chairman Dennis many years of service to our community. With Chairman Dennis retirement, the Board needs to elect a new Chairman. The Board recommended Judy Rodden to be elected as Chairman as she has been on the Board the longest amount of time. Judy is visiting in Florida quite often. She has express to Superintendent Newberry she has no interest in the Cemetery Board chairman position. After much discussion, Board Member Hager volunteered to hold the Chairmanship of the Oak Hill Cemetery Board.

Motion was made by Board Member Monge and seconded by Alderman Burtle that Board Member Hager will become Chairman of Cemetery Board.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resident – Non-Resident Prices

Superintendent Newberry reported that with the Resident and Non-resident prices there is several different scenarios of problems of who is a City Resident and who is not. Scott McClure from McClure Funeral and Cremation Services was present to discuss the trouble with the resident and non-resident prices. Scott indicated he would rather see all the prices the same. Residents must live within the City limits of Taylorville. Now, Resident grave cost is \$625 opening \$675 and non-resident grave is \$825 opening \$875 (see attached price list). Resident cremation opening is \$450 and non-resident opening is \$650 during the weekdays. Add \$100 to all opening/closings that are done on Saturday or Holidays. This is some of the different ways resident and nonresident could be interpreted for example:

- Resident lives here many years, goes to nursing home in Pana. Resident or non-resident?
- Person lives in California all of their life, get ill moves to Taylorville nursing home, is person a resident of Taylorville?
- Person lives out of state of Illinois or out of City limits, but owns a house or a business within the city limits, pays property taxes, should this person get resident or non-resident rates?
- Person cremated, sent to a relative that is a Taylorville resident, and is the cremated person a resident?

After much discussion, the board decided to have all rates the same and to eliminate the resident and non-resident prices with a small increase. The Cemetery Board feels the price increase is reasonable. The prices has not been increased since May of 2012.

Motion was made by Board Member Monge and Seconded by Board Member Ward to recommend to the City Council to set Oak Hill Cemetery prices as set forth below.

Motion passed 4-0

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Prices

Grave - \$700

Regular burial - Opening/closing - \$700

Cremation opening/Closing - \$500

Saturday & Holiday opening/closing – add \$100 to the price (Cover Union Overtime)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Newberry provided information on the number of grave plots remaining; as well as the number of burials and cremations, the number of graves sold, number of footings and Vet markers installed from May 1, 2019 to June 13, 2020.

He advised the new roof was put on the office building, fence repaired around the fuel tanks, and the new flagpole is installed; these items were all covered by insurance. The building also had new gutters installed. (See the attached Agenda)

ANY OTHER MATTERS

No other matters to discuss at this time

Motion to adjourn by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Board Member Monge.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Superintendent William Newberry