



CEMETARY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 120 Paint Rock Street, Eden, TX

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MINUTES

The Eden Cemetery Committee met in the City Council Chamber on Thursday, February 16, 2023. Vice President Phyllis Ellison called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Secretary Kay Green read the minutes of January's meeting. Paula Duwe moved to accept the minutes as read; Omar Saldibar seconded the motion. It carried.

On the agenda was the election of a president for this committee. Omar Saldibar nominated Paula Duwe for president by acclamation. Phyllis seconded the nomination. It carried.

Lisa Evans read the following statement left by City Administrator Laura Beeson who was absent. Here is her report: 1.) We received a second "estimate" from Mark Osburn for the road improvements at the Eden Cemetery. This one came in around the same amount as the Kyle Gould estimate at about \$211,000. We now have what we need to begin the grant application with the San Angelo Health Foundation. 2) I visited with Laura Bowden to see if she would assist with the San Angelo Health Foundation grant paperwork. She did agree to assist for a fee of \$250. This will need to be placed on the next agenda for approval. 3.) Barbi has been working on a list of Deeds that we have in the files. She has them all entered and is now working on which ones are missing. She is also working on the directory list.

Paula moved to ask Laura Bowden to assist with the San Angelo Health Foundation grant paperwork to be placed on March's agenda for approval. Omar Saldibar seconded the motion. It carried.

Phyllis pointed out that the state has nothing to do with the \$100,000 in the Eden State Bank. This money is in a CD. There are no rules governing this money. Perhaps the city council needs to develop rules for the use of this money for cemetery improvements.

The \$30,000 grant for the Spirit of Eden was set aside at this time as we have missed the deadline for application. We need to submit this application in a timely manner for next fall.

Paula encouraged the members of this committee to keep in mind the projects we have discussed for the improvements at the cemetery. These include the directory, a pavilion to protect the directory, and the signage.

Paula stated that she has been informed that Nancy Green wants to help monetarily with the Eden Cemetery improvements. Phyllis moved that Paula contact Nancy as the need arises to explain what we have been working on at the cemetery. Ivie Spiller seconded the motion. It carried.

A discussion was held on the veterans that are buried in both the Eden Cemetery and the Pioneer Cemetery. Phyllis moved that Omar research both cemeteries for the purpose of identifying the veterans in them. Ivie seconded the motion. It was approved.

Our next meeting will be on March 16, 2023. At that time, we will discuss whether to meet monthly or every other month.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Committee members present were Paula Duwe, Omar Saldibar, Phyllis Ellison, and Kay Green. Interested citizens in attendance were Ivie Spiller, Lisa Evans, and Tommy Kelso.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Green, Secretary/ Treasurer