



# CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

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## MINUTES

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The Cemetery Committee met in the city council chambers on Thursday, May 11, 2023. President Paula Duwe called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. Minutes from the April meeting were read and corrected. Phyllis Ellison moved to accept the minutes as corrected with Ivie Spiller seconding the motion. It carried.

Paula stated that she would like to have the \$2500.00 we have to be carried forward as we are not ready to utilize that money. The city council meets in June to begin budget hearings. The money cannot be used now as more work is required to get a database on who is buried in the Eden Cemetery and the plot sizes there.

Regarding the Perpetual Care Fund, the city has a responsibility to get that fund where it can be used. Phyllis moved to ask the city council to move the \$2500.00 forward for future use. The motion was seconded by Omar Saldibar; it carried.

The discussion and consideration on the topic of ordering a message board was tabled.

In order to get to the Perpetual Care Fund, Drew Darby, our state representative, must get a law changed before this fund can be utilized. Only the interest can be used from this fund. The principal cannot be touched. The city's lawyer is to contact Drew Darby to get this procedure up and going.

No action was taken regarding the section markers.

There was a discussion regarding the updates on the mapping of the cemetery. This procedure requires lots of work and endless hours of research. It is currently being worked on as it requires so much research, study, and time.

The city council did approve the change in this committee's meeting time. We now meet on the second Thursday of each month rather than on the third Thursday of each month.

Phyllis presented a letter from Jenny McWilliams of the Texas Historic Commission. It regards our request for a historical designation for the Eden Cemetery. According to McWilliam's response, the historic designation will not affect the maintenance, use, operations, or any decision made by the cemetery association in any way.

Conversely, the city attorney said this is not true. He said the Texas Historic Commission would have final approval on all aspects of our cemetery. The Cemetery Committee tabled this decision for now until the answer as to what we can do is clearly stated. Omar said he would check on the website that gave the benefits of having a historical marker.

The council did approve the \$220,000.00 from the San Angelo Health Foundation. A lengthy discussion followed on how to get the community involved in raising and obtaining even more money for this project. No exact decision was made at this time.

The next scheduled meeting of the Cemetery committee will be June 8, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned as we bade farewell to Laura Beeson. The twelfth of May is her last day here as city administrator.

Those present for this meeting were Omar Saldibar, Paula Duwe, Ivie Spiller. Phyllis Ellison, and Kay Green. Others present were Laura Beeson and Barbie Watkins.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Green, Secretary/Treasurer