



CEMETARY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

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The Cemetery Committee met in City Council Chambers on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Secretary, Kay Green called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. in the absence of Vice President, Phyllis Ellison. Minutes of the November 2022 meeting were read and approved. An election of a new president was tabled until next month.

Laura Beeson, City Administrator, presented a clarification on the perpetual care fund. She also stated that the City of Eden only owns part of the cemetery. They can only maintain the part they own. They do not own the Spanish section; therefore, the owner/owners of the Hispanic section own and maintain that property. The decisions of the City of Eden Cemetery Committee only apply to the city owned portion, and these decisions will be shared with the Hispanic section for consistency. Hispanic board members of the cemetery committee, Brenda Ramirez and Omar Saldibar, are attempting to get information on the owner/owners of that section.

In order to be able to use the \$100,000 perpetual care fund in the Eden State Bank, the City is working on obtaining information on who paid into the perpetual fund in the past as records are being pulled together to show who paid and how much was paid. The interest garnered from the \$100,000 trust fund goes into the City funds to be utilized by the City. The principle cannot currently be touched. What is needed is documentation of trust, but so far, no such documentation has been found. Because the trust has been dissolved, the City is not bound by the rules of a perpetual care cemetery.

Paula Duwe reminded the committee of the information obtained from Kyle Gould, who works for Reece Albert, on materials and labor needed to build roads in the cemetery. She had spoken as well to Mark Osburn regarding the road building information. Paula proposed that when we agree on what cemetery improvements need to be done and how much money needs to be spent that we apply for grants from the Spirit of Eden, as well as, applying for other grants that would cover all cemetery improvements. Ivie Spiller moved that a grant for the total cost of building roads in the cemetery be submitted to the San Angelo Health Foundation in the amount of \$216,000. This amount of money reflects the bid from Kyle Gould. She further stated that a grant request of \$30,000 be submitted to the Spirit of Eden for cemetery improvements. Paula seconded the motion which carried.

Omar Saldibar was welcomed as a new cemetery committee board member as he was approved by the City Council.

Information on section markers at the cemetery was tabled until later.

The next meeting of this committee will be on February 16, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

Present at this meeting were City Administrator, Laura Beeson and board members, Brenda Ramirez, Omar Saldibar, Paula Duwe, and Kay Green. Other interested citizens present were Ivie Spiller and Barbi Watkins.

With no further business to be transacted, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Green Secretary/Treasurer