

The Cemetery committee met in city council chambers on Thursday, March 14, 2024. President Paula Duwe called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Minutes of the December 14, 2023, were read. Phyllis Ellison moved to accept the minutes as read. Brenda Ramirez seconded the motion which was approved.

Paula thanked Roger Zepeda, who was present, for a job well done as he has thoroughly cleaned the Eden Cemetery and made it attractive. Paula noted he has an artistic gift for landscaping. The attractiveness of the cemetery plus other places in town he has worked on proves this point.

Paula asked Roger about a project on which this committee could work. He stated that something needs to be done at the cemetery regarding the big tank located in the northeastern corner of the cemetery. It has not been noticeable because so much brush has been piled up around it hiding its presence. His suggestion was to possibly paint it and make it attractive. We as a committee cannot do that, but we can call this project to the city's attention so they can deal with it.

Paula explained to Roger the purpose of this committee's formation. She gave information to him on our suggested plan for the location of a pavilion and flagpole near the northern entrance of the cemetery. The current flagpole is on the ground. Stacy McIntyre has taken measurements of the flagpole as it lays on the ground. No information has been given to this committee as to what will happen with the measurements.

Paula asked Roger about spraying sticker weeds at the cemetery. He stated that care must be taken on spraying weeds out there so as not to kill a plant or plants placed in plots by family members.

Paula informed the committee that she had gone to the city office earlier this week to seek information on two things. One thing was a report from the city on funds designated to the cemetery through ear-marked donations. The second thing she requested was an update on computerized cemetery

records. No one from the city attended this committee meeting; therefore, no information on these two requests had been made available.

Paula informed us that the \$10,000.00 requested from the Spirit of Eden Foundation will not be awarded since we were denied the San Angelo Foundation grant.

After some discussion, Phyllis suggested we pursue possible fund raisers for the pavilion as one of our goals. She further stated that we put roads aside and work on getting money for a pavilion and a cemetery directory. The committee agreed with Phyllis.

Our next meeting will be April 11, 2024. With no further business to be transacted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Members present for this meeting were Paula Duwe, Phyllis Ellison, Omar Saldibar, Brenda Ramirez, and Kay Green. Roger Zepeda was a guest at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Green,