



**Madison City Cemetery Committee
March 21, 2017
Minutes No. 2017-02**

The Madison Municipal Cemeteries Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM in Conference Room 130 on the upper level of the Madison Municipal Complex located at 100 Hughes Road.

The following is the record of the members and those who attended:

Place No. 1 Elbert Balch	Present
Place No. 2 Council Member Gerald Clark	Present
Place No. 3 Public Works Director Kent Smith	Present
Place No. 4 City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Williard	Present
Place No. 5 Mayor Paul Finley	Absent
Place No. 6 Colby Smith	Present
Place No. 7 Dorothy Magee	Present
Place No. 8 Cindi Sanderson	Present
Place No. 9 Jeanne Steadman	Present

Public in attendance: none

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM by Committee Chairman Cindi Sanderson.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Steadman moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting. Mr. Clark seconded. The vote taken was recorded as follows:

Place No. 1 Elbert Balch	Aye
Place No. 2 Council Member Gerald Clark	Aye
Place No. 3 Public Works Director Kent Smith	Aye
Place No. 4 City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Williard	Aye
Place No. 5 Mayor Paul Finley	Absent
Place No. 6 Colby Smith	Aye
Place No. 7 Dorothy Magee	Aye
Place No. 8 Cindi Sanderson	Aye
Place No. 9 Jeanne Steadman	Aye

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous items:

Chairman Sanderson advised the Committee that she has submitted an application to the Alabama Cemetery Preservation Alliance. She has received confirmation that a three city cemeteries are now listed with the Alliance. This will assist individuals who are doing family history searches.

Discussed the fence pieces that have been found by Public Works in the Old Madison Cemetery. Discussed if there would be enough of the pieces to either reconstruct the fence or possibly have a replica made. Mr. Smith advised that the pieces are too small to reconstruct. Mrs. Sanderson advised that she has been searching for a picture of the old fence.

Discussed the possibility of Horizon Elementary doing a cemetery stroll again this year.

Mr. Smith updated the Committee on projects being worked in the cemeteries:

- ❖ Installation of new mulch in areas where grass will not grow due to the shady conditions.
- ❖ Application of weed killer and ant killer where it is needed.
- ❖ Continued work on installation of sod and grass seed

The Committee was updated on a cemetery seminar the Colby attended. He advised that he learned a lot and got a lot of ideas including ideas on how to straighten the crocked grave stones.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of purchasing radar equipment to locate grave sites. The cost of this equipment ranges between \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Mr. Balch complimented the Public Works on the appearance of the Madison Memory Garden cemetery.

Following discussion, the next meeting will be held in May 16, 2017.

Having no further business, Mr. Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Balch seconded. The vote was recorded as follows:

Place No. 1 Elbert Balch	Aye
Place No. 2 Council Member Gerald Clark	Aye
Place No. 3 Public Works Director Kent Smith	Aye
Place No. 4 City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Williard	Aye
Place No. 5 Mayor Paul Finley	Absent
Place No. 6 Colby Smith	Aye
Place No. 7 Dorothy Magee	Aye
Place No. 8 Cindi Sanderson	Aye
Place No. 9 Jeanne Steadman	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Melanie A. Williard
City Clerk-Treasurer