



**Madison City Cemetery Committee
June 20, 2017
Minutes No. 2017-04**

The Madison Municipal Cemeteries Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, June 20, 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	Absent
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 Felicia Matthews	Present

Public in attendance: Vickie Morris and Angela Gary

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM by Committee Chairman Cindi Sanderson.

Election of Officers:

Mrs. Sanderson opened the floor for nominations for Committee Chairman.

Mr. Smith nominated Mrs. Sanderson for Committee Chairman. Mr. Clark seconded. Mrs. Sanderson was approved by acclamation.

Mr. Balch was nominated for Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations. Mr. Balch was approved by acclamation.

Miscellaneous items:

Mrs. Sanderson welcomed Felicia Matthews to the Board. Rev. Matthews was recently appointed to the Board by the City Council.

Mrs. Sanderson suggested that the Committee formulate a list of goals and items for the Committee to address.

Mrs. Sanderson suggested that she would like to work toward getting historic designation for the portion of Madison Memory Garden Cemetery located closest to City Hall where the trees are located in the cemetery. It was the consensus of the Committee that this be researched.

The Committee discussed the painting of the fencing around the trash receptacles be painted. Mr. Smith advised that this project is on their list to do this fall.

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

- ❖ Public Works is doing the normal maintenance at the cemeteries.
- ❖ Committee was advised that there are trees all in the cemeteries that will be cut down due to the condition of the trees and the liability that they represent.
- ❖ When asked, Mr. Smith advised that it takes three employees 2½ days to mow the grass in the cemeteries and that the grass is mowed every week.
- ❖ Mr. Smith informed the Committee that several of the bushes at Madison Memory Garden have died and that they will be replaced this fall when it is cooler.

Mr. Clark welcomed new member Rev. Felicia Matthews to the Committee.

Mrs. Matthews thanked everyone for their welcome to the Committee. Mrs. Matthews stated that she has seen much improvement in the maintenance of the cemeteries. Mrs. Matthews also asked about restoration of the cemetery borders that are being uprooted by trees.

Mrs. Sanderson advised that she will be meeting one of the Girl Scout troops in the City to talk with them about the cemeteries.

Public Comments:

Vickie Morris addressed the Committee and advised that she would like to assist with the historic designation project for Madison Memory Garden Cemetery. Ms. Morris also asked about repairs/restoration/preservation of the old grave stones.

The Committee was informed the Colby has attended a workshop regarding the restoration/preservation of grave stones.

Mr. Smith updated the Committee on the incident involving the grave stones on the Slaughter family lots. Ms. Slaughter marked the grave stones because she was having new ones installed and the old ones removed. However the old stones are more than 80 years old and they cannot be removed per Historic Commission regulations. Mr. Smith further advised that the new stones have been set.

Mr. Smith also updated the Committee on the purchase of the specialized equipment to straighten the grave stones.

Resident Angela Gary also welcomed Rev. Matthews to the Committee.

Following discussion, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

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

Place No. 1 Elbert Balch	Absent
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 Felicia Matthews	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Melanie A. Williard
City Clerk-Treasurer