



Madison City Cemetery Committee
April 27, 2016
Minutes No. 2016-05

The Madison Municipal Cemeteries Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 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 Troy Trulock	Present
Place No. 6 Shawn Hardy	Present
Place No. 7 Dorothy Magee	Present
Place No. 8 Cindi Sanderson	Present
Place No. 9 Jeanne Steadman	Present

Other City representatives in attendance: City Attorney Kelly Butler and Assistant City Attorney Megan Zingeralli.

Public in attendance: Vickie Morris, Faye Barkley, Angela Davis Gary, and Tracy L. Landrum.

The meeting was called to order at 3:0 PM by Committee Chairman Jeanne Steadman. Mrs. Steadman advised that the purpose of this meeting was review the list of requests from the Madison City Cemeteries Family & Friends Committee and develop recommendations for Council review and action.

Grandfathering of benches, etc: The Committee discussed the grandfathering of three (3) benches that were removed in accordance with the Ordinance.

Mrs. Sanderson moved to recommend that the three (3) benches be grandfathered. Mr. Balch seconded.

Mrs. Morris informed the Committee that two families had heard about the clean-up of the cemeteries and had removed their benches and requested that those benches be included in the grandfathering. Discussion followed regarding the grandfathering of up to five benches.

Mrs. Sanderson moved to recommend that up to five benches be grandfathered in for reinstallation. Mayor Trulock seconded. The vote was recorded as follows:

Place No. 1 Elbert Balch	Abstain
Place No. 2 Council Member Gerald Clark	Nay
Place No. 3 Public Works Director Kent Smith	Aye
Place No. 4 City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Williard	Aye
Place No. 5 Mayor Troy Trulock	Aye
Place No. 6 Shawn Hardy	Aye
Place No. 7 Dorothy Magee	Nay
Place No. 8 Cindi Sanderson	Nay
Place No. 9 Jeanne Steadman	Nay

Motion failed.

Veteran's artifacts: Discussed the allowing of items that can affix to the headstone.

Mr. Balch moved to recommend that items that can affix to the headstone be allowed with the review of Public Works Director. Mr. Hardy 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 Troy Trulock	Aye
Place No. 6 Shawn Hardy	Aye
Place No. 7 Dorothy Magee	Aye
Place No. 8 Cindi Sanderson	Aye
Place No. 9 Jeanne Steadman	Aye

Motion carried.

Exceptions for flat headstones: The Committee discussed allowance of either shepherd hooks or flower pots for headstones that cannot accommodate flower saddles. Discussed allowing either 2 shepherd hooks or 2 flower pots for those grave sites where the markers do not accommodate flower saddles.

Mr. Clark moved to recommend that either 2 shepherd hooks or 2 flower pots be allowed to be placed at grave sites where the grave marker does not accommodate a flower saddle. Mrs. Sanderson 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 Troy Trulock	Aye
Place No. 6 Shawn Hardy	Aye
Place No. 7 Dorothy Magee	Aye
Place No. 8 Cindi Sanderson	Aye
Place No. 9 Jeanne Steadman	Aye

Creation of database: The Committee discussed the creation of a database to assist when attempting to contact next of kin for the grave sites.

Mr. Clark moved to recommend creation of a database for contacting the next of kin. Mrs. Sanderson 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 Troy Trulock	Aye
Place No. 6 Shawn Hardy	Aye
Place No. 7 Dorothy Magee	Aye
Place No. 8 Cindi Sanderson	Aye
Place No. 9 Jeanne Steadman	Aye

Flagpoles: The Committee discussed maintenance and removal of existing flagpoles. No recommendation was made regarding this item as it is already included in the existing ordinance.

Having no further business, Mr. Balch moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Clark 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 Troy Trulock	Aye
Place No. 6 Shawn Hardy	Aye
Place No. 7 Dorothy Magee	Aye
Place No. 8 Cindi Sanderson	Aye
Place No. 9 Jeanne Steadman	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Melanie A. Williard
City Clerk-Treasurer