



CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2020
FAIRBANKS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 CUSHMAN STREET, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



The **Clay Street Cemetery Commission** convened at 5:00 p.m. on the above date to conduct a Regular Meeting at the City Council Chambers, 800 Cushman Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, with Chair Aldean Kilbourn (Seat C) presiding and with the following members in attendance:

Members Present: George Dalton, Seat A
 Michael Gibson, Seat B
 Julie Jones, Seat E
 Karen Erickson, Seat F

Absent: Vacant, Seat D
 Vacant, Seat G

Also Present: Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director
 Emily Braniff, Deputy City Clerk
 Tim Beck, Citizen

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes November 6, 2019

Mr. Dalton, seconded by **Ms. Erickson**, moved to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2019.

Chair Kilbourn called for objection, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Erickson, seconded by **Mr. Dalton**, moved to APPROVE the Agenda.

Chair Kilbourn added “Boot Hill Graveyard” under New Business.

Chair Kilbourn called for objection, to the APPROVAL of the Agenda, as Amended, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION

a) Frank Turney’s Remains

Commission members discussed how to best honor the memory of Frank Turney, long time caretaker of the Clay Street Cemetery. An email from Frank’s son requested that the Commission help with the interment of Mr. Turney’s remains at the cemetery.

- b) Submission to Chris Capps

This item was addressed under New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Bed Tax Grant Update

Ms. Jones provided the Commission with an update on the City of Fairbanks Hotel Motel Bed Tax Grant Application, reporting that the Commission's allocation would be \$7,400.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) New Member Campaign

Chair Kilbourn reported she had been in touch with Chris Capps at the News Miner, and a story about the vacancies has been published in hopes of getting the word out about the Commission's needs.

- b) Spring 2020 Work Parties

Commission members discussed preparing the grounds for Memorial Day. **Mr. Gibson** stated the Pioneers are willing to help.

Ms. Jones stated she would try to work with the jail to see if they would allow a crew to come help with the lawn care and ground maintenance.

Public Works Director Jeff Jacobson stated a crew would perform lawn maintenance the week before Memorial Day.

Future dates for work parties were discussed, but no dates were set because there was so much snow.

- c) Spring Events Update

This item was addressed under New Business Item (b).

- d) New Marker Update

Chair Kilbourn asked if the new markers were in the shed at the cemetery or at Public Works, Mr. Jacobson stated he would look into it.

- e) Frank Turney Memorial

Ms. Jones, seconded by **Mr. Gibson**, moved to inter Frank Turney's remains at the Clay Street Cemetery.

Tim Beck, Fairbanks – Mr. Beck spoke in support of the Commission interring Mr. Turney's remains at the Clay Street Cemetery.

Chair Kilbourn emphasized the importance of placing Mr. Turney's remains where no other remains are out of respect for the family. Members discussed where to place the remains.

Members discussed the logistics of using bed tax grant funds to have a memorial plaque made in honor of Mr. Turney. Deputy City Clerk Emily Braniff was asked to check with City Chief Financial Officer Margarita Bell to see whether it would be possible.

Ms. Jones volunteered to get a quote for the cost of a Frank Turney memorial plaque. Mr. Jacobson stated he would work with Ms. Jones.

Chair Kilbourn called for objection to the motion to inter Frank Turney's remains at the Clay Street Cemetery, and hearing none, so ORDERED.

f) Boot Hill Graveyard

Chair Kilbourn shared a pamphlet with the Commission and suggested the Clay Street Cemetery make one like it. The pamphlet highlighted people who were laid to rest in the Boot Hill Graveyard.

Ms. Erickson stated each member should come up with 10-15 people to write about them and then they can determine the best people to be memorialized in the pamphlet.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Meeting of the Clay Street Cemetery Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gibson, seconded by **Ms. Jones**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

There being no objection, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 6:07 p.m.



Aldean Kilbourn, Chair



Emily Braniff, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

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