



CLAY STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 7, 2017
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 Vice Chair Michael Gibson presiding and with the following members in attendance:

Members Present: Julie Jones, Seat E
George Dalton, Seat A
Frank Turney, Seat D
Aldean Kilbourn, Seat C (Telephonic)
Karen Erickson, Seat F

Absent: David Erickson, Seat G

Also Present: Jeff Jacobson, Director of Public Works
Emily Braniff, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2017.

Ms. Kilbourn, seconded by **Ms. Erickson**, moved to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2017.

Vice Chair Gibson called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Vice Chair Gibson asked to add a privacy fence along the back of the cemetery to new business.

Vice Chair Gibson called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Vice Chair Gibson called for Public Testimony and, hearing none, declared Public Testimony closed.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION

Members spoke to the communication that came in from Mary McFetridge about placing markers on her families' graves.

Ms. Erickson, seconded by **Ms. Kilbourn**, moved to allow Mary McFetridge to place markers on her families' graves.

Vice Chair Gibson called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Quiring Moments Headstone Order

Ms. Jones reported that the headstones had been delivered and are safely stored inside the shed at the cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Flowers for the Summer Season

Ms. Kilbourn, seconded by **Mr. Dalton**, moved to allow Ms. Jones to plant flowers in the boxes at the cemetery.

Vice Chair Gibson called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

b) The Grounds on Memorial Day

Mr. Turney reported the grounds at the cemetery were disgusting and it is a sacred ground the City should respect and maintain. **Mr. Turney** stated the Public Works department should be ashamed of the way they tended to the property prior to Memorial Day.

Director of Public Works Jeff Jacobson stated his crew raked, removed branches, placed all of the grave pillows in the shed and picked up all of the scattered headstones from behind the shed. Mr. Jacobson stated that if Mr. Turney has an issue that in the future he would like him to come to him and not slam his staff in a public forum.

Vice Chair Gibson stated it was freezing cold and raining sideways leading up to the holiday and the grounds looked acceptable to him.

Mayor Matherly stated the City gets dragged through the muck enough; he requested that people refrain from shaming City Staff in public forums.

Ms. Jones stated that next year the Commission should put together a work party prior to the holiday and get the place all dressed up.

c) The Fence

Mr. Gibson suggested the Commission use bed tax funds to put up privacy fence along the back of the cemetery because a resident nearby is creating a junk yard.

Mr. Jacobson offered to get quotes for comparison pricing.

Ms. Kilbourn, seconded by **Ms. Jones**, moved to have Mr. Jacobson get quotes for an eight-foot fence along the back wall of the cemetery.

Vice Chair Gibson called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

OPEN AGENDA

a) Ms. Kilbourn would like to have a meeting at the cemetery to discuss where the posts will be placed.

NEXT MEETING DATE


The next Regular Meeting of the Clay Street Cemetery Commission is scheduled for July 5, 2017.


ADJOURNMENT

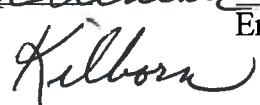
Ms. Kilbourn, seconded by **Ms. Erickson**, moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

Vice Chair Gibson called for objection and, hearing none, so ORDERED.

Vice Chair Gibson declared the meeting adjourned at 6.10 P.M.


Aldean Kilbourn, Chair


Emily Braniff, Deputy Clerk



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