

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
EAGAR CEMETERY COMMITTEE
22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ
September 30, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

Cemetery Committee Chairperson Becky Crosby welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. At roll call all Cemetery Committee members are present, except for Bryce Burnham who was late and Councilor Steve Erhart.

PRESENT: Becky Crosby, Chairperson
 Becky Pacey
 Bryce Burnham
 Linda Eagar
 Chris Heap
 Norma Coddington
 Bruce Ray, Public Works Director
 Tami Ryall, Town Manager

STAFF: Eva Wilson, Town Clerk
 Marion Wiltbank, Assistant Town Clerk

ITEM #3: OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public in attendance.

ITEM # 4: CONSENT AGENDA

A. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE BOARD
MINUTES OF May 27, 2014

Chris Heap moved to approve the minutes of May 27, 2014. Public Works Director Bruce Ray seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried. 8-0

ITEM #5: NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO COMPENSATE CEMETERY OWNER'S
PLOT THAT WAS SOLD BY THE TOWN AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO
COUNCIL

Dale Richard stated that his parents Dan and Lou Richard bought ten family plots in 1984 and their daughter and son-in-law Belinda and Sid Udall bought their ten plots at the same time next to each other. In August 3, 1994 Town Clerk Karen Merrill placed on Block 61, Lot 3 sheet that "Grave No. 4 is owned by the Dan Richard Family". In 1999 the town sold Block 61, Lot 3, Grave 4 to Ana Marie Nava to bury her husband Manuel Nava. From his view point the town has two options: 1. Move Ana and Manuel Nava out of Dan Richard's grave plot and place them elsewhere. 2. Give the Dan Richard family two plots together elsewhere in the cemetery, so a family member will not be buried alone out of the family plot. Mr. Richard also had a letter from Karen Merrill thanking the Richard's and Udall's for

pointing out that there was only enough room in the closed roadway to bury only three people across instead of the five people the town had figured on.

The Cemetery Committee discussed moving the Nava's and what that would entail: Contacting the Nava family and getting their feelings on moving their family, if they are agreeable then Public Works crews digging up the two cremated urns, moving the urns and headstone to a new plot.

Then the committee discussed giving the Richard family two plots elsewhere in the cemetery. Town Clerk Bryce Burnham said it would be the easiest to give the Richard family two plots instead of searching for the Nava family members. Town Clerk Eva Wilson said if the town did give the Richard family two plots she would like to see a caveat put on the plot that they can't sell it. Bryce Burnham said it would be the simplest giving the Richard family the two spaces and they won't have a grievance towards the town. Public Works Director Bruce Ray said he agreed that the town needed to put on it that they can't sell them and make a profit. Suggested the town talk to Doug Brown to get his opinion. The town would be setting a precedent if they gave a plot away. Ms Wilson said the town has made mistakes before and I am sure we will make more. Mr. Ray doesn't want a decision that we don't have to track for years to come. Mr. Burnham said the town could go to the Nava's and get their feelings on moving their parents. Linda Eagar said to see if the Nava's are willing to move, as there is not that much difference to the town and we don't set a precedent. Becky Crosby said the town could offer the second plot for half price to the Richard's. Becky Pacey said the Nava's aren't at fault and neither are the Richard's, it is the town's fault.

Public Works Director Bruce Ray said to have Marion Wiltbank contact the Nava's to see how they feel about it. The town will go to Doug Brown to see if the town can put a statement that they can't sell the plot and we don't have to track. Mr. Ray said that is what we have to decide, if we are always going to offer two for one when the town makes the mistakes.

ITEM # 6: OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE CEMETERY BUDGET

Becky Crosby said that the benches were ordered and asked if they were in the ground. Public Works Director Bruce Ray said they had not been delivered.

The committee discussed the trees at the cemetery. Becky Pacey said that September is a good time to plant trees, but for shrubs wait for spring. The committee decided to wait for spring to plant more trees and shrubs.

B. DISCUSSION OF OTHER CEMETERY BUSINESS

No other business to discuss at this time.

ITEM #7: NEXT MEETING

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Next meeting will be scheduled when we hear from the Nava's.

ITEM #8: ADJOURNMENT

Linda Eagar moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried. 8-0

Chairperson Becky Crosby