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Cemetery Board Proposed Minutes February 13, 2020

The Cemetery Board meeting was called to order by President, Mike Jackson at 6:05 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2020 in the Laingsburg City Hall Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mike Jackson, Ed Rouse, Beverly Rouse, Clyde Casler and Mike Culpepper. Members Absent: None. Also present: Dave Casler, Sexton and Paula Willoughby, Treasurer

Public Comment: Joyce Rowley and Barb Koonter were present regarding updating the rules and regulations for the cemetery.

A motion was made by Casler and supported by E. Rouse to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

The board went through a list to review the current Ordinance and rules that either allow or prohibit items that can be displayed in the cemetery. There was a motion by Casler and supported by Culpepper to recommend to the City Council that the Cemetery rules be changed to allow: Woodchips (only manufactured), urns/planters/Shepard hooks at the ends of headstones, in line with the headstone as not to interfere with cemetery maintenance, Shepard hooks max of one at each end of stone and they must only hold one pot each and be of sufficient size to hold the pot upright, planting of flowering bulbs that must be maintained within the lot, plantings and decorations within 12 inches of the headstone (east side only) and remove the language that prohibits surfaces other than sod. All in favor, motion carried.

The board would like to make further recommendations clarifying the regulations regarding the height and width of markers/monuments and types of markers/monuments. The board and the staff will look at the markers currently displayed at the Laingsburg Cemetery and other cemeteries as well as the language and the process used to regulate them.

Jackson would like to step down as President of the Cemetery Board, remaining on the board.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 9th at 6:00p.m.

Moved by Rouse, supported by Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 7:14p.m., all in favor motion carried.

Paula Willoughby Clerk