

**City of Buffalo City – Cemetery Committee Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2016, 5p.m. at the Buffalo City Cemetery**

The Cemetery Committee meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Lorenz. Present: Lorenz, Ben Holien, City Superintendent Stan Meier and City Clerk Jenny Ehlenfeldt.

The Huebsch Mausoleum was discussed. Flashing continues to come off on the roof. Lorenz will get a bid for work to be done by Ron Schutz. Committee agreed to have work done after Memorial Day with a deadline set for completion. Other work to be completed by Meier will include touching up the window frames, cleaning the stained glass on the inside of the mausoleum and replacing the carpet in the mausoleum.

The Morton-Weinandy Mausoleum was also discussed. Clerk to look into any agreements the City has with the family and try to locate family members. Mausoleum does need some repair.

Lorenz and Holien discussed the shed in the middle of the cemetery that was located next to the old water tower. Consider tearing this down one year and replacing with a nicer looking structure the following year. Would like the sod fixed up where the water tower was as soon as possible. The well cover should also be looked at and fixed.

Committee discussed the very old grave stones that are leaning or tipping over. Will try to come up with a plan with the council as to how to fix them. Items placed around grave stones were also discussed. All the fake and real flowers, as well as trinkets placed around the stones, makes trimming hard and time consuming. Committee to recommend new guidelines for council approval. Guidelines to state: All flowers (fake or real) and any other items must only be placed on the concrete foundations. Flower stands, shepherd's hooks and other stakes will be allowed.

Trust to Beautify Graves was discussed. Committee agreed the City cannot continue to lose money on the flower urns we now must purchase and take care of each year. When the deed system was set up there was enough interest made on the accounts to support the flowers, but there is not enough interest anymore and due to the state statutes that require we only use the interest from the purchase account, we need to make a change. Committee to recommend the council approve changing the Trust to Beautify Graves to a 10 year limit for the same price of \$750. Lorenz would also like to see the Clerk provide those interested in flowers with a list of local businesses they can have them privately done.

Committee will bring guidelines and trust to beautify graves request to the Common Council meeting May 9th.

For the Cemetery Committee

Jenny Ehlenfeldt – Clerk/Treasurer