

City of Buffalo City – Cemetery Committee Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2019, 6:30 pm at the Buffalo City Cemetery

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

At it's October meeting, the City Council approved spending up to \$50,000 out of the perpetual care savings account to purchase and install a 72 niche columbarium from Johnson Monument and have a cement pad installed to place the columbarium, benches and possible future columbarium on. The Cemetery Committee discussed pricing of the units. Each niche can house 2 cremations. Research from other cemeteries showed pricing in tiers may work well. Committee set prices at \$900 lowest tier, \$1000 second tier and \$1150 for the top two tiers of the columbarium. Opening costs were set at \$150 weekday before 2pm and \$200 weekends before 1pm. With the same \$100/hour increase after those times. Selling all niches would generate enough income to pay for the installation of this one and purchase of a second one.

Other plot/burial prices were discussed. Committee agrees these should remain the same. Prices have been in effect since 2011.

Trust to Beautify Graves, urns the City has sold to be placed each year on graves, were discussed. Alma Blooms can no longer supply the urns. Quotes were received from Cabbage Patch Garden Center at \$28.50/urn and Sunset Gardens for \$30/urn. Committee agreed to offer contract to Cabbage Patch Garden Center for 2020 at a cost of \$5700.

Committee discussed budget to make recommendations for the general budget meeting.

Committee will recommend investing the remainder of the perpetual care funds to the entire council in January.

Clerk will update the policies and rates to reflect changes. Council changed the winter flower removal date to October 1st starting next year.

Motion Holien, second Meier to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for the Cemetery Committee,

Jenny Ehlenfeldt
Clerk/Treasurer