

DeFuniak Springs Cemetery Board  
Special Meeting  
June 4, 2015

The following members were present: Mayor Bob Campbell, and Cemetery Board Members Lee Thomas and Jack Owen, City Manager Sara Bowers, Assistant City Manager Tilman Mears, Municipal Services Supervisor Craig Drake, Municipal Services Worker Darren Donaldson and City Clerk Loretta Laird.

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

May 12, 2015 Special Meeting

The special meeting minutes from the May 12, 2015, were presented for approval.

**Cemetery Board member Owen made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mayor Campbell. Motion carried 3-0.**

City Clerk Loretta Laird noted a correction to the special meeting time scheduled for June 4, 2015. The original scheduled time was 3:30 p.m., however, the meeting was rescheduled to 5 p.m.

Citizen Comments

No comments were made.

**Streets/Sanitation/Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Craig Drake**

Vault Requirements

Discussion occurred relating to an email received from the State of Florida Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services department indicating vaults are not required by state law for burial. However, it depends upon the cemetery rules and regulations or bylaws, as some cemeteries may require that a vault for interment be installed.

Committee member Lee Thomas expressed his concerns with the public having to purchase a vault at an additional expense. Assistant City Manager Tilman Mears stated staff has safety concerns such as grave cave-ins, vehicles and machinery running over graves with no vault or slab being installed on top of the caskets.

Thomas requested to table the discussion relating to vaults until the next regular meeting on July 21, 2015.

Cemetery ordinance

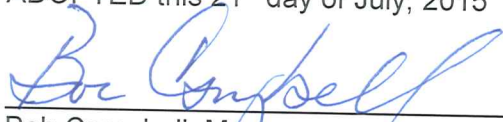
Streets/Sanitation/Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Craig Drake discussed the proposed changes throughout the current cemetery ordinance and requested if there were any additions to the changes.

Various recommendations were noted from the committee's review, with City Clerk Loretta Laird compiling the changes to be presented to the City Council at the June 22, 2015, regular meeting.


The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2015.

There being no further business, Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015

  
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Bob Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Loretta A Laird, City Clerk