

DeFuniak Springs Cemetery Board  
Special Meeting  
May 6, 2019

The following members were present: Cemetery Board Members Jack Owen, Lee Thomas, Assistant City Manager Craig Drake, City Manager Mell Smigielski, Municipal Services Supervisor Scott Simmons, Cemetery Grounds Supervisor Darren Donaldson, and City Clerk Loretta Laird. The following member and city staff were absent from the meeting: Mayor Bob Campbell and Finance Director Debra Gibson.

Committee member Thomas called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Existing damaged marker complaints

Marianne Virginia Hussey

City Clerk Laird indicated a complaint was received from Marianne Virginia Hussey relating to her existing marker located in Section 1538, Block 8 Lot 38 Plot 10. The board members were provided photographs indicating the southwest corner of her current slab was damaged. Discussion occurred relating to Ordinance No. 871 Section 6-1.13 (i) which states "The city shall not be responsible for any major damage caused during normal maintenance activities.

Hussey was present at the meeting and indicated her father's marker was also damaged a few years back but did not complain at that time. Laird presented three quotes for the replacement of Hussey's current slab, which included: GLMCO Memorials, Inc.: \$4,995; Tim White Vault & Monument: \$3,195; Gulf Coast Wilbert: \$2,950.

**Committee member Thomas made a motion to deny the replacement of the current slab, seconded by Committee member Owen. Owen: Aye; Thomas: Aye Motion carried 2-0.**

Discussion occurred relating to have Hussey send her request to the city council to appeal the board's decision.

Infant Manning

City Clerk Laird indicated a complaint was received from the family of Infant Manning relating to the existing marker located in Section 1527, Block 14 Lot 39 Plot 6. The board members were provided photographs indicating the south side of the marker was damaged. Discussion occurred relating to Ordinance No. 871 Section 6-1.13 (i) which states "The city shall not be responsible for any major damage caused during normal maintenance activities.

Laird presented three quotes for the replacement marker, which included: GLMCO Memorials, Inc.: \$275; Tim White Vault & Monument: \$295; Gulf Coast Wilbert: \$495.

**Committee member Owen made a motion to deny the replacement of the current marker, seconded by Committee member Thomas. Owen: Aye; Thomas: Aye Motion carried 2-0.**

Discussion occurred relating to having City Clerk Laird contact the Manning family with the board's decision and notify them that their request could be appealed to the city council.

Juanita Manning

City Clerk Laird indicated a complaint was received from the family of Juanita Manning relating to the existing marker located in Section 1527, Block 14 Lot 39 Plot 5. The board members were provided photographs indicating the east side of the marker was damaged. Discussion occurred relating to Ordinance No. 871 Section 6-1.13 (i) which states "The city shall not be responsible for any major damage caused during normal maintenance activities.

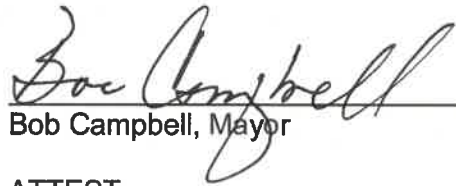
Laird presented three quotes for the replacement marker, which included: GLMCO Memorials, Inc.: \$595; Tim White Vault & Monument: \$550; Gulf Coast Wilbert: \$695.

**Committee member Owen made a motion to deny the replacement of the current marker, seconded by Committee member Thomas. Owen: Aye; Thomas: Aye Motion carried 2-0.**

Discussion occurred relating to having City Clerk Laird contact the Manning family with the board's decision and notify them that their request could be appealed to the city council.

There being no further business, Committee member Owen adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2020.

  
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Bob Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cynthia Permenter, Deputy City Clerk

