

MT. PISGAH CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

March 26, 2012

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by acting Chairperson Annie Tobey. In attendance were Kathy Stockton, Cleo Delaney, Teresa Stitt, and Steve Zoellner. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was decided that future meetings would follow this procedure.

- 1.) Minutes from the January 23, 2012 meeting were read and approved.
- 2.) **Report on Restoration of Wooden Artifacts in Cemeteries, Annie Tobey.** Annie discussed the summary she had prepared of Ron Anthony's report. The conclusion is that there is no treatment that is the best answer in every case to preserve wooden artifacts. Steve suggested using a product called Super Deck. The board agreed that keeping the ground elevation graded to provide good drainage is important. Kathy will talk to Cody about following these practices. Annie emailed Ron Anthony's office for advice on recovering faded inscriptions from wooden markers who suggested digital photography, lighting enhancements, grave rubbings or digital x-ray.
- 3.) **Annexation Process for Cemetery:** Kathy stated that the city is pursuing Quiet Title to the entire cemetery (which will include the Encroachment Area) due to missing information when Teller County gave the deed to the City of Cripple Creek. Annexation should be done by early summer to allow the city to continue to lease the land for the radio towers that are already there.
- 4.) **Review of Letters of Interest for New Cemetery Board Member.** Kathy stated that there were 3 letters received and provided copies of the letters to the Board. She stated that City Council has not requested that the Board make a recommendation but will consider appointment in the near future. After much discussion, Steve will bring the Board's recommendation to appoint Deb Hack to Ray's attention to get this on the next Council agenda.
- 5.) **Board Comment.**

Kathy stated that she talked to Cody about repairing/straightening headstones and that he has a list of headstones that look like they were knocked over by vandals. Kathy will get that list from him and report back to the Board. Annie volunteered to make a list of other headstones that are leaning and need to be straightened. Kathy also talked to Doin about the water line to the cemetery. There is an issue with the easement for the utilities – the owner is not willing to grant the easement as it is drawn and Doin is working on another design. He estimates that the material cost will be about \$500 using HDPE material and with Public Works supplying labor. Other costs would be asphalt patches across Teller 1 and cemetery access road.

Annie – asked for a copy of the Cemetery Program budget line item. Kathy will get that for her.

Cleo – asked if the dumpster is still at the cemetery. Kathy will check on this.

Teresa – asked how the pest control is working. Kathy will call Orkin and report back. She also asked about the Veterans Memorial watering schedule. Kathy will find out.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.