

Cemetery Board Minutes: April 19, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:10pm at Red Lodge City Hall by Dan Gainer

Members present: Burt Douthit, Maryvette Labrie, Dan Gainer, Jim Bushnell

Members absent: Jim Hilderman, Polly Richter

Minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Jim Bushnell reported that the turrets and corners on the upper part of the mausoleum are complete. Sweeney Masonry did a great job. The roofing bid has come in at \$56,000. There is painting that needs to be done before the roofing can be done. Sweeney made some suggestions of some other work that could be done in the future. Currently, the building needs a roof and painting completed to preserve the concrete work and keep the moisture out.

The Public Works department has been out filling graves. They are screening the larger rocks out to 3" minus so the graves won't sink as much as in the past. The most problems with settling of the graves is with the 40-50 year old graves. There are several headstones that need to be set that have fallen over in the past years. The same staff will be hired back, he did a great job and will be compensated at a slightly higher hourly rate.

Dan Gainer led a discussion about the cemetery district proposal documents that were prepared for the County Commissioners. The City will need to fund the extra ballots and mailings for the precincts that are not already receiving Red Lodge voting information. Corrections will need to be made to the documents concerning the mills and district numbers once the boundaries are finalized. The fact that the cemetery came into the City's ownership some time ago was of interest, as no one can find how or why this was done given that the cemetery is in the County and not the city limits. Dan Gainer will be doing an article for the newspaper regarding the cemetery and the necessity of the proposed district. The map prepared of the districts is different than originally discussed because of the overlap in other cemetery districts. There are thirty two cemeteries in Carbon County.

It was stated that perpetual care was originally meant for one section, eventually all sections had the same regulations imposed upon them. Perpetual care is usually an annual fee. Dan Gainer will speak to Betty Sweet regarding the Bridger district and how it is setup and run. Also, he will inquire who has split the responsibilities. Jim Bushnell explained that there are a few unmarked graves from many years ago. Those records have been lost, and have not been found in city documents. They're in books but not in records.

The Montana Historical Preservation Society will be visiting the mausoleum as one of their stops while they hold their conference in Red Lodge.

All members of the Cemetery Committee are encouraged to attend the Commissioners meeting to support the proposed cemetery district. Maryvette will be out of town and unable to attend.

There was no communication from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm. The next scheduled meeting will be May 10th at 5pm.

Minutes submitted by Maryvette Labrie

Dan Gainer - Chairman