

EVERGREEN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2018 - 5:30pm

Meeting called: October 10, 2018 5:30 pm

Present: Peggy Johnson, Deliarie Lann, Scott Colman, Suzanne Nazian

Absent: Tasheika Fourney

Motion to Approve Minutes: Peggy Johnson, Suzanne Nazian withdrew her motion, Ms. Lann called for discussion.

Ms. Nazian disagreed with minutes from the last meeting of July 11, 2018. Ms. Johnson called for the question to approve the minutes with corrections. 2nd by Suzanne Nazian. Unanimous vote 4-0 .

1. New Business : Scott Coleman discussed monument repair. The technique of a local monument company that would repair or rebuild older original head stones that has damaged to its original inscription and the monument surface that surround the inscription. The process includes taking and placing the older damaged unledgeable inscription on one side and placed the new same inscription on the other side.

Mr. Coleman also informed the committee that Wiley Monument is currently out of business.

2. Old Business: Unknown Civil War soldier marker. Mr. Coleman addressed his continued research of the Unknown Civil War Soldier marker. In his research he had requested pricing quotes for the placing on the unknown Civil War soldier head marker at 150.00 from Gaulden Monument of that particular marker. While he still unsure the proper location of the maker they would like to move it forward.

1. He had discussed with Russ Gladden to give him permission to move the marker and he had discussed it with the Sons of Confederate Veteran Society.
2. Ms. Lann question what would be on the marker what the inscription would be, would the head stone be left where it is, with the inscription in "In Memory Of"
3. Ms. Nazian questioned that would this be a precedent for other individuals to come before the Committee to do the same thing.
4. Mr. Coleman made a motion for the committee to pay a 150.00 one-time cost to place the inscription "In Memory Of". Ms Nazian 2nd the motion
5. Ms. Lann called for discussion; Peggy Johnson questioned Mr. Coleman why Evergreen Cemetery would have to pay the cost, why not the Sons of Confederate Veterans pay the cost?
6. Ms. Jackson recalled 2006 minutes of the Evergreen Cemetery meeting minutes that the marker identification was tied to improving the cemeteries appearance to the public. Ms. Jackson also stated that if Committee approve this request it would open the door for other individual with family member to pay for theirs as well.

7. Mr. Coleman said that Union Soldier are provided free of charge monument paid for by the Veterans Administration and that the VA would not pay for Confederate Soldier monuments since there was no clear list of soldiers treated by Union Doctor Sidney Babcock.

Motion to called for the original question; by Peggy Johnson. Mr. Coleman in favor. Motion failed for lack of second; Motion failed 3-1.

Other Business Ms. Nazian brought information only a recommendation.

1. To spend 27,000.00 for the cemetery and 12,000.00 from the 1 cent sales taxes referendum from the February 15, 2018 meeting items A, B, C and H.
2. City Council had already approved the funding to be spent at its February 25, 2018 meeting.
3. Ms. Jackson informed the Committee that the grass cutting at Evergreen Cemetery would be cut until November 2018.
4. New meeting date was set for November 14, 2018 5:30 pm

Motion to adjourn Peggy Johnson, 2nd Suzanne Nazian, Unanimous vote 4-0

Minutes by: Reginald McBeth, Public Works Director