

Evergreen Commission Meeting March 6, 2019 – 6:00pm

Members Present: Deliaree Lann, Scott Coleman, Susanne Nazian
Members Absent: Tasheika Carter-Fourney

Approval of the minutes: 1st Scott Coleman; 2nd Susanne Nazian
Discussion: Suzanne Nazian amended

Motion to approve minutes Unanimous vote 3-0

Old Business

1. Perpetual Care:

Ms. Nazian ask the question how each burial lot funded \$20.00 per lot and how that amount cover continued care of the lot.

Ms. Jackson stated that is and amount collected and what has happened in the past is that amount has not always been collected on a yearly as required by the ordinance. She stated that City Council has required that at the purchase of the burial plot the customer pays 20.00 at purchase of the lot, but that over the years it has been difficulty to collect the fee from remaining relatives.

Ms. Nazian stated that Ms. Nancy Anderson notified her that \$20.00 has always been collected and that the \$20.00 had been billed her every year.

Mr. Coleman asked a question as to who oversaw collecting the annual fee for the City and ask has the City been sending out reminder every year. Because he asked and he was told it was collected on a yearly basis because being unable to contact remaining family members.

Ms. Nazian quoted Mr. Rocky Pollard who was not present at the meeting “that he felt the practice was illegal.” Ms. Jackson stated that she would forward the information to the City Attorney for a legal interpretation.

Ms. Nazian also stated that she and Mr. Coleman noticed that some graves were in disrepair and that some where sinking from erosion. The discussion was brought back to perpetual care and the lack of a continued revenue source from the perpetual care fee.

Mr. Coleman asked two questions 1) is to encompass the original language of the original grave repair of Judson Albright to be repaired at \$195.00 which 15 is feet from the flag pole. 2) is because the headstone appears to have fallen on its own.

Ms. Coleman made a motion to pay the \$195.00 grave headstone repair. Ms. Nazian 2nd the motion.

Ms. Jackson stated that to do that, a public notification had to be made in a public notification through the family if they could be found. Motion failed 1-2 for lack of a majority vote.

2. Project updates:

Ms. Jackson gave an overview of the project that she had received fence quotes from three contractors. Since all bids were over 10,000.00 the bids had to be approved by City Council.

- a) Catawba Fence and Town & Country for 4ft ornamental gated fence for 5 driveways.
- b) The first sample bid was \$14,151.01.
- c) The second bid was total gate and fencing \$13,277.00.
- d) Closing and only gating 4 entry into the cemetery.

Ms. Nazian proposed to amend the committee to add a front gate. The front is already apart of original bids. No motion was made to approve Ms. Nazian's motion.

At 6:25pm Mr. Colman left the meeting for a previous engagement creating no quorum. No motion was made or approved after Mr. Coleman left the meeting.

New Business

1. Cemetery Accounts

Ms. Jackson provide the remaining Commission members with a current financial report:

- a) A tax account or 1% percent beginning balance \$15,000.00, current balance \$12,600.00.
- b) Spratt Saving & Loan account \$80,754.00, mature rate 4/7/19.

Ms. Jackson asked for a moment of silence for former member Ms. Peggy Johnson who passed away earlier

Meeting adjourned:

6:45 pm