

**City of Buffalo City – Cemetery Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, January 16, 2023 6 pm at the Buffalo City Municipal Building**

The Cemetery Committee meeting was called to order by Mayor Ben Holien. Present: Lorenz, Kim Beseler, City Superintendent Stan Meier, City Clerk Jenny Ehlenfeldt. Citizens Carol Burmeister and Krist Beseler.

Carol Burmeister presented information to the committee about the Wreaths Across America program. This is a national program to recognize veterans at Christmas time. The program provides wreaths for every veteran in the cemetery through donations/sponsorships made. Wreaths are laid in a ceremony across the nation on the third Saturday of December. Burmeister attended the ceremony in Independence and got a lot of information from the group that sponsors that cemetery. She feels with the help of the VFW we could make the program work here in Buffalo City. Kim Beseler told Burmeister she thinks the program could possibly be sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. She would like to present the information to them at their February meeting. Burmeister said she would head the WAA committee if the City would help with logistics and be willing to offer support. Committee agreed the program is a great thing for the cemetery and will recommend approval at the council meeting. Clerk will work with Burmeister to get the cemetery registered on the national website and set up a committee.

Committee discussed the use of the Huebsch Mausoleum for private services in the cemetery. When the mausoleum was originally built and given to the city it was written in the deed that it could/should be used by public free of charge. City was recently approached by a clergy person questioning whether it could be opened and used more often for families. Committee would like City Superintendent to look into improvements needed including lighting, clean up, heat. Will speak with individual that was interested in use. He said there may be funds available to help pay for some renovations as well. Holien said we should also ask the Huebsch family.

Discussion on allowing foundation markers or veterans markers on plots without actual burials. Clerk was asked if this would be acceptable. Committee consensus there should not be markers in the cemetery if there is not actually anyone buried with them.

Discussion on cemetery procedures, policies and rates and recent questions. Committee will remind council that the rates and policies are set for reasons that include employee hours but that is not the only reason that rates are set as they are.

Motion Holien, second Beseler to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for the Cemetery Committee,

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt  
Clerk/Treasurer