



## City of Bonner Springs CEMETERY

The Cemetery Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Bonner Springs City Hall.

**Members Present:** Elaine Berg (Chair), Jim Jenkins, Robin Harris, Gayla Reeves, Bob Reeves, Sara May, Judy Anderson, Linda Kasselmann and Brad Harrington

**Staff Present:** Chris Brake, City Clerk and Jeff Harris, Cemetery Sexton

- 1. Move Cemetery Decorations to Maintenance Building** - The committee was scheduled to move the decoration items from the storage building to the maintenance building but were unable to due to inclement weather. The committee initially moved and seconded to table the item, but then reopened the item for discussion. Committee members agreed that staff would move the items and Sara and Elaine will coordinate with the sexton to look through the decorations and determine which ones the committee wants to keep and which ones need to be disposed.
- 2. Cemetery Entrance Maintenance** – The committee was scheduled to spend some time at the meeting trimming the Cemetery entrance bushes but were unable to due to inclement weather. The committee initially moved and seconded to table the item, but then reopened the item for discussion. Committee members asked to have City staff can trim the entrance bushes. Staff confirmed they can trim the bushes but will have to work it into their schedule so cannot guarantee a specific date.
- 3. Minutes of the March 16, 2022 Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting** – The minutes will be amended to reflect the committee tabled the discussion of Día De Los Muertos until a future time. Gayle moved to accept the amended minutes, Jim seconded and all approved.
- 4. Columbarium Location Discussion** – members selected two possible locations for future columbarium placement; 1. The unplatted section of the cemetery south of the road (south of sections 10A and 9A), 2. The concrete pad where the maintenance shed used to stand, west of section 3. The committee would like to have two or three representatives present proposals based on these two locations. Wilbert, based out of Parsons, KS presented previously. Brad suggested looking at memorial stones with names plaques as an alternative to columbariums if the cost is prohibitive.
- 5. Memorial Day Ceremony** – Committee members will hand out programs at the Memorial Day ceremony and approved presenting the singer(s) with a \$50 gas card as a thank you this year. The VFW will hand out poppies. Brian Berg and Elaine Berg will play echo Taps.
- 6. Sexton Monument Repair/Replacement** – Wendy Scheidt and the Bonner Springs Historical Society arranged for a stone mason to come out and evaluate the Sexton Monument for possible preservation. Brad shared the history of the Sexton family.
- 7. Next Meeting Date:** The next Committee meeting is Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cemetery.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

pc: Sean Pederson, Frank Abart, Chris Brake and Jeff Harris