

**CITY OF JONESVILLE
CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF December 14, 2016**

A City of Jonesville Cemetery Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the Jonesville City Hall. Councilman/Cemetery Chairman David Steel called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Cemetery Committee members present were: David Steel, Charlie Pfau, Mike Kyser, Shea Dow, Kenneth Hodge, and Barbara Smith. Absent: Les Hutchinson.

Also present: Manager Jeff Gray and Mayor Gerry Arno.

Councilman/Chairman David Steel led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

The agenda was approved with no changes or additions.

A motion was made by Kenneth Hodge and supported by Barbara Smith to approve the June 8, 2016 Minutes. All in favor. Absent: Les Hutchinson. Motion carried.

The monthly activity report for November, which also included the 2016 Calendar year through the month of November, was presented to the committee providing information related to interments, foundations installed, burial rights transfers and disinterments.

Manager Gray provided updates regarding activities that have taken place over the last couple of months to improve the cemetery, which included trimming and removing problem trees, repairing historic grave markers, and grading of the future expansion area.

Manager Gray also updated the Cemetery Committee regarding Sexton George Baker's retirement in the spring of 2017. Options were going to be discussed on moving forward with maintenance of the cemetery grounds, as well as interments. As of this time, a tentative agreement is being pursued between Mr. Baker and his nephew in regards to the nephew taking over the business. If this business decision does transpire, Mr. Baker will meet with City staff along with his nephew regarding future contracts. The City Council extended Mr. Baker's contract to April 1, 2017. A new contract will be entered into at a later date.

A motion was made by Shea Dow and supported by Kenneth Hodge to approve the 2017 Cemetery Committee Meeting Calendar as presented. All in favor. Absent: Les Hutchinson. Motion carried.

Newly elected Mayor Gerry Arno thanked the entire Cemetery Committee for their hard work over the past couple of years, stating that the appearance of the cemetery has improved immensely from the time the City received it.

Happy Holidays were wished by everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk