

CEMETERY

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GOALS:

1. Promote improvements to cemetery grounds to create a safer, cleaner, and more pleasing environment.
 - a. Re-stripe the parking stall lines on the south end.
 - b. Install a retaining wall on the northeast side to prevent slippage.
 - c. Installing a new shed at the north end with bathroom facilities.
 - d. Burn the large pile of tree limbs.
 - e. Replace aging backhoe with a track hoe.
 - f. Development of a trash management program in the cemetery.
2. Preserve all artifacts, records, monuments, headstones, and grave markers for the benefit of all visitors and future generations.
 - a. Continue the process of photographic recording of all headstones, monuments, and grave markers.
 - b. Continue to upgrade computer technology to preserve existing records
3. Promote improvements and expansion to ensure sufficient will be available for future generations.
4. Review the City's pricing compared with other communities concerning the fee structure.
5. Establish a budget line item to ensure that cemetery fees are retained yearly to aid in improving the cemetery.

UPDATES:

JANUARY 2012: The rate schedule for the cemetery which will include the costs for plots (resident and non-resident), opening/closing fees, and perpetual care costs are being re-evaluated.

FEBRUARY 2012: We have been in the process of obtaining pricing of other communities, comparable to ours, on their fee structure for the pricing of cemetery plots, opening/closing costs, and perpetual care fees. We have contacted 10 various cities (local and throughout the state) and have compiled a spread sheet of their costs. These figures were presented and discussed at a open work meeting this past week prior to city council. To help us move forward with purchasing some newer equipment, future needs of the cemetery, and to update our current ordinance, talks have commenced about our fee schedule and ways to work towards achieving the above goals.