

PLACE:

Cedar Fort Town Hall
50 East Center
Cedar Fort Utah

TIME:

7:07 P.M.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Vonda Cook

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Vonda Cook – Clerk/Recorder

VISITORS PRESENT:

Rita Peters, Carol Peterson, Kent and Leta Sheppard, Vicki Draper, Julie Sorenson, Kelly Berry, Glen and Eileen Ashley, Glade Berry, Wendy Lojik, Calvin Cook

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Anderson and Councilman Chris Murphy

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Mayor Anderson said Councilman Murphy would be there shortly. Mayor Anderson presented the cemetery plan to those present.

1. Presentation of Cemetery Plans

Mayor Anderson invited those present to come to the table and view the cemetery maps. He said Orson did a good job with what he had. He then explained about the walk ways that they found when the survey was done. He said they came up with the best arrangement possible given the graves were already there. He explained how they tried to stay with the 52 ft. block dimension and the 15 ft., 20 ft. 15 ft., 20 ft. roads that Orson had laid out. When it was laid out to scale, there were 56 headstones in the roadway. Then they adjusted the survey layout and adjusted the roadways, starting on the west, the roads were adjusted from 20 ft. to 19 ft., from 15 ft. to 14 ft., from 20 ft. to 21 ft., because they couldn't keep shifting them over, and from 15 ft. to 14 ft on the east side. He said that was the best they could come up with and keep the 52 ft.

Vicki said they all looked the same size on the map. Mayor Anderson said it was all laid out to scale. He said the new proposal is to bring each road in 1 ft. on each side. Councilman Murphy said at some points they could not do a straight line because there were trees and things in the way.

Eileen wanted to know how a headstone could be in the wrong place if it's been there for 50 years. Councilman Murphy said it can be in the wrong place the same way there are graves in the wrong place. Mayor Anderson said there were a lot of errors and they aren't going to fix them. He said they were going to leave them and narrow the road.

Kelly wanted to know why they couldn't make all the roads the same width.

Councilman Murphy said when he took over he didn't know anything about the cemetery. He said they are trying to fix it right so the next person will know exactly what is going on.

Kelly thought they should grandfather in the cemetery now and start new down below. Councilman Murphy said what they would like to do is document where the graves actually are and make a map that is as accurate as they can make it.

Vicki had an issue with the grass that was cut out on the side of the roads. Mayor Anderson said they would have to address it when they put the road in.

Vicki said people became upset because the road was so close to the graves. Glade was upset that they cut grass from along the road. He said the roads should have been left as one way roads and that all they did was make a mess. Kent Sheppard said they got along with it for 100 yrs. Glade said it should have been grandfathered in. Vicki said people are upset because the road goes too close to the headstones and sprinklers. Glade said to go down and look at the Fairfield cemetery. He said it had a road into the cemetery. Mayor Anderson pointed out that Fairfield Cemetery doesn't have any water or grass.

Glen said he remembered when a car pulled up on Lynda Norris's grass on her cemetery lot and a car going the other way pulled over on to Trotters so they could pass. He said he also remembered when there was a path on the south side of their gravesites.

Vicki took issue that in some places the road had been cut and you had to step up. There was discussion on various solutions. Kelly wanted to know why they couldn't narrow the roads more. She said American Forks are narrow.

2. Discussion on Work Projects and Dates

Mayor Anderson said Terry Messersmith had volunteered to provide gravel and grading for the roads. There was also discussion on different types of edging they could use to separate the gravel from the grass. They discussed using bricks, curbing and landscape timbers.

There was also discussion on putting in a sprinkler system and how the maintenance would be handled. This matter was not resolved.

Mayor Anderson said they need \$5,500.00 for 2" water line, and edging options for the road will cost approximately \$5,600.00 for steel lawn edging, \$4,600 for brick, landscape timbers would run about \$1600.00 and curbing would run about \$4.00/ft. He said they need volunteers to look for grants and ways to come up with the money.

He said they also need volunteers to do a field verification to indentify graves, headstones, trees, etc. Kelly said Brian Cook and Mike Peters have already done that. She said you can also go to "Find a Grave" on the website and they will tell you where a specific grave is. She said they shouldn't spend time doing something that has already been done. Mayor Anderson noted that their accuracy depends upon which version of the cemetery map they are using. He said we need to do our own verification and then cross reference with other sources to get the most correct map we can and then only work off of that map.

It was decided that they would do the field verification project on 9 September at 7:00 a.m. Mayor Anderson said he would like to get as many people as possible to help and then it shouldn't take too long. A few of people said they would do their own family plots.

Mayor Anderson said the next project they would need help with would be to collate all the data gathered from the field verification project. No date was set.

The final project was to have volunteers trim trees, etc. at the cemetery.

3. Volunteer Sign Up for Projects

No one volunteered to head up any committees and no committees were organized at this time. They briefly discussed fund raising opportunities during the 24th celebration. No action was taken.

Meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

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