

**WHITEFISH AD HOC CEMETERY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Necile Lorang called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members present were Steve Thompson, Ole Netteberg, Nina Laird, Vanice Woodbeck and City Manager Chuck Stearns. Also attending the meeting was Representative Ed Lieser.

APPROVE APRIL 24, 2014 MINUTES

Ole made a motion, seconded by Steve, to approve the April 24, 2014 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE OR STAF REPORTS & COMMENTS

- a. **Groundwater monitoring at City Sewer Treatment Plant:** City Manager Stearns went through Jere Johnson's report on the groundwater testing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. City Manager Stearns said holes 2 and 3 failed because there is a swale in that area; so Jere did add two new holes 4 & 5 which did show at 7 and 8 feet which were during the wettest time in June. City Manager Stearns said the City will be putting in a stormwater pipe on Monegan Road with outfalls to the river. We might be able to connect to their pipe for drainage if we were to put in French tiles. City Manager Stearns said they will be installing mechanical ponds which could make the smell worse at times. He thinks there could 4 to 5 acres of land available for use.
- b. **Report on potential cemetery on public lands in Flathead National Forest:** Steve introduced Representative Ed Lieser to the committee and said they have been talking about some Forest Service Land that could possibly be used for a cemetery. Ed has suggested a parcel 5 minutes west of the existing cemetery off of Hwy 93 just beyond Twin Bridges Road. The property is located between the gravel pit and a power line corridor and is in the southeastern section of Section 31 west of Spencer Lake and Round Prairie. There is no water to the property so a well would have to be put in and we would need to obtain access across land owned by the Stillwater Land Company/Peschel Family Trust. Ed had met with the Tally Lake District Ranger, Lisa Timchak, and they seem receptive to the idea and concur that the Homesite Act of 1958 gives them necessary authority to sell the property. They would sell the property at fair market value and if the City was interested, the first step would be to send in a proposal to them.
- c. **Progress report-Columbarium:** Necile said we have sold \$12,000 in columbarium sales so far. The total cost of the columbarium was \$29,202.

CONTINUING COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The committee will do a field trip out to the Forest Service Land and then discuss the two different sites.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled on September 17th at 2:00 p.m. This meeting will consist of a field trip out to the Forest Service Land and then a meeting.

ADJOURN

Ole made a motion, seconded by Nina, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.