

Missoula Cemetery Board Meeting
Thursday, January 8th, 2009
1:30pm
Ruth Bennett Memorial Chapel

Agenda

Present: Mary Lou Cordis, Marjorie Jacobs, Carol Gordon, Ron Regan, Jane Plummer, Douglas Waters, Sharee Fraser

Absent: Pat McHugh, Mary Ellen Stubb

1. Holding approval of minutes. Question on line B of expenditures – 230 irrigation placed in sod farm. Ron does not remember discussing this at the past Board meeting. Need to review notes from Board meeting for clarification.

Financials:

- a. Revenues: The decline in FY 09 revenue from last year to this year was noted. Discussion about the Cemetery care funds being used for purchasing equipment, seasonal position, etc. Mr. Waters stated that the Cemetery has three funds: care fund, niche wall fund and the memorial fund. Each one of these funds are for specific uses the ordinance states.
2. Expenditures: Line item clarifications: 231-fuel budget is strong currently due to the drop in fuel prices, but that could change with the economy and price increases. 341 – we should be even on utilities; 345 – garbage is expected to overdraw due to an unexpected price increase for services; 350 – professional services is being applied towards the budget savings, 845 – purchase of pole-vaults and grave re-purchases have over expended this line item. Issue of grave repurchases discussed due to this year the number of graves that the Cemetery purchased in FY09. Board members asked how many a year a done. It was stated that one or two graves purchased until this year which could be a reflection on the state of the economy. More discussion followed on potential solutions if this trend continues.
3. Motions needed. None(*Full board attendance is needed*)
4. New or Continuing Items for Discussion:
 - a. FY09 Budget savings: Doug stated the City administration request for FY 09 budget savings of 3.75 percent for the Cemetery is \$22,000. City administration has implemented a hiring freeze. The Cemetery budget savings amount found in the budget came to approximately \$5000.00(this includes half of the FY 09 5 month seasonal position) with the other \$17,000.00 as a short fall. Due to possible loss of our 5 month position person the future of flower boxes was discussed, this will be placed on the February agenda for motion, prior to flower care invoicing.
 - b. Stories and Stones (deferred to February 5, 2009)
5. Adjourned at 2:50pm. Next meeting: February 5, 2009.

Submitted by Douglas Waters, Director