

**WORK SESSION—MARCH 15th, 2018**

Minutes of the Huntsville Town Council Work Session, held at the Huntsville Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. March 15th, 2018.

Name	Title	Status
James A. Truett	Mayor	Present
Bill Wangsgard	Council Member	Present
Max Ferre'	Council Member	Present
Bill White	Council Member	Excused
Wendy McKay	Council Member	Present
Beckki Endicott	Recorder	Present
William Morris	Legal Counsel	Excused

**Citizens: Wayne Hadley, Gary Probasco, Cathy Stoker**

Council Member Ferre' called the meeting to order. There is a quorum present. He stated he called the work session to work through some solutions for the growing needs of the Huntsville Cemetery. He would like everyone to hear about the research Cathy has been doing regarding the Cemetery and the pricing of plots.

Cathy Stoker thanked the TC for inviting her to come. She expressed how much she loves her cemetery responsibilities. It is an unpredictable job happening at unexpected times, but she does her best. Cathy stated there are some big changes that she and CM Ferre' would like to purpose and advised the Council to take their time working through these issues and making decisions.

Cathy referred to Resolution No 2014-10-16 (**See Attachment #1**). The second paragraph of the resolution states, "be it resolved that the sale of cemetery plots will be \$450.00 per plot for Huntsville Town residents." She purposed to raise the price to \$500. Half of that amount would go into the Perpetual Care Fund. This fund will provide for the care of the Cemetery when the Cemetery is full. Mayor Truett clarified that a few years ago they decided to give half of the fee to the Perpetual Care Fund and use the other half for current maintenance on the Cemetery.

The third paragraph of Resolution No. 2014-10-16 refers to Non-Resident pricing. Currently, there are no restrictions on Non-Resident purchases. Cathy has calculated that about 500 plots remain available in the new section of the Cemetery. There are about 25-50 plots in the old area that are tied up by families who haven't paid yet for these plots. In Cathy's opinion, Huntsville cannot do away with Non-Resident purchases. She states there are many people in the 84317 zip-code who have lived here longer than some Huntsville Town residents. Those that live in the 84317 zip-code but not within the Town limits are considered Non-Residents. Cathy purposed Huntsville plots be available to Non-Residents who live in the 84317 zip-code. She would require they be full time residents and have lived here for a specified time. There have been Non-Residents outside the 84317 zip-code who have approached Cathy about buying plots. Many of these Non-Residents don't have a connection to Huntsville.

Mayor Truett asked how this resolution could address those that have grown up in Huntsville but no longer live in Huntsville Town. CM Ferre' is concerned that not every need could be addressed through resolution. CM McKay stated there needs to be guidelines so that it is fair for everyone.

Cathy shared her research on other city cemetery fees. The cemeteries in Midway, Park City, Heber, Eden and Liberty all have similar mountain valley populations. There are ideas from those cemeteries that we might want to adopt. Midway is limits how many plots can be purchased. Another cemetery requires that they be residents for at least 5 months.

Cathy proposed that anyone living outside of 84317 be excluded from purchasing lots. Anyone living in the 84317 zip-code would be allowed to purchase plots but pay as Non-Residents if they are not living in the Huntsville Town Limits. Those that are full-time residents of Huntsville Town would be able to get Resident pricing.

There was discussion from CM McKay, Mayor Truett, CM Wangsgard and Cathy about including family members of residents being able to purchase plots as Non-Residents. CM Wangsgard commented there is not adequate space for all family member exceptions. The idea of being a child of a full-time resident could be a tighter exception and could fall within the guidelines of purchasing a Non-Resident plot.

Another suggestion Cathy had was to put together a committee to find resolution on the exceptions. Mayor Truett volunteered to be on that committee and CM Ferre' would also like to be on that committee. All of three; Mayor Truett, CM Ferre' and Cathy will form a committee to decide about the exceptions or other circumstances.

Cathy shared her findings regarding Non-Resident Fees. Eden charges \$1000 and Liberty \$800. CM McKay stated she researched Salt Lake County and the fees are significantly higher. The range for non-residents in Salt Lake County range from \$2000 to \$4500. Wayne Hadley reported that Ogden is \$500. Mayor Truett suggested that they are running out of room in the Huntsville Cemetery and they will need the money in the Perpetual Care Fund to maintain the grounds. He stated he would like to see a \$2000 fee for Non-Resident Plots. CM Wangsgard agreed that this was not an unreasonable price.

Cathy stated the new section has 500 plots. Cathy reported they have sold 36 plots in the last six months. About 20 of those plots sold in the last 6 months were for Non-Resident Plots. Mayor Truett commented that at this rate it would take just five years to sell out of plots. Cathy is in favor of limiting the number of plots that could be bought if the Town Council agrees.

CM McKay wanted to know if the Huntsville Cemetery buried double deep, one on top of another. Cathy confirmed that they did not bury two deep; only in circumstances of cremation or infants.

Carol proposed \$1500 for Non-Resident Plot Fee in the 84317-zip code. The transfer fee to a Non-Resident would be changed to \$1000. A plot may be transferred to a relative who is a

Non-Resident for \$1000 and would have to be owned for a minimum of 10 years from the date of purchase.

Mayor Truett asked Cathy if there was anything that the Council could do to help make her job easier. Cathy responded that she is great with the process when the referrals come to her through her home phone number. She stated the mortuaries have her cell number, but that she does respond to her home number on a regular basis, even on vacation.

The Council wanted to address the cremations. The fifth paragraph of the Resolution addresses cremations. Based on Cathy's research of other cemetery fees for cremation, she felt that an increase to \$200 for Resident Internment and \$300 for Non-Resident.

Internment fees for the plots, addressed in paragraph's 2 & 3 would also have to increase. Mayor Truett purposed \$500 for Residents and \$700 for Non-Residents. CM Ferre' and CM Wangsgard agree with the increases. Cathy stated that the interment for infant should be addressed. She purposed the fees should be the same fee as the cremation, \$300.

Mayor Truett asked Max to sit down with Cathy and Gail to amend the resolution with the new fees and Resident requirements.

Wayne Hadley wanted to bring up the area of the cemetery that needs some work on the Forest Service Side. There is an area of the cemetery that is washing out on the north side. Mayor Truett stated he would bring that up at his next meeting with the Pineview Committee and the Forrest Service.

Carol brought up that grave decorations really need to be addressed. There are several graves that are excessive. People dig holes in the grass. There are stuffed animals and balloons tied in the trees. Some people add aluminum cans and drinks to the graves. Cathy stated there are ordinances to follow regarding grave decoration and she would like to see the Town Council send letters to the offenders with a copy of the ordinances. The cemetery ordinances are posted on the Cemetery Gate but there needs to be some reminders.

CM McKay asked if there was any land set aside for a future site of the Huntsville Cemetery. They discussed the landfill. There are problems with a flood plain there. The land is also very rocky in that area. CM McKay wondered if there was a piece of land available near the monastery. Mayor Truett will explore this idea.

Cathy wanted to bring up a disinterment fee. The old resolution doesn't address this situation. Cathy purposed \$2000 for this fee. As far as she knows, this hasn't taken place in our cemetery, but it is labor intensive and should be more than the internment fee.

Max closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming together and all the suggestions.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.**



Beckki Endicott, Recorder



**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10-16**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HUNTSVILLE TOWN CEMETERY  
PLOT FEES FOR NON-RESIDENTS**

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**WHEREAS:** Huntsville Town desires to keep the cemetery self sustaining financially and to increase the Perpetual Care Fund, to accomplish this in part, so that the cemetery will not become a burden to the taxpayers of this town.

**NOW THEREFORE:** be it resolved that the sale of cemetery plots will be \$450.00 per plot for Huntsville Town residents, and the internment fee will also be set at \$450.00 for the opening and closing of each grave site for Huntsville Town residents.

**NOW THEREFORE:** be it resolved that the sale of cemetery plots will be \$950.00 per plot for Non-Residents, and the internment fee will also be set at \$550.00 for the opening and closing of each grave site for Non-Residents.

**NOW THEREFORE:** be it resolved that three (3) cremation urn burials are allowed in one burial plot.

**NOW THEREFORE:** be it resolved that the fee for internment of a cremation burial for a Huntsville Town residents will be set at \$100.00, the fee for internment of a cremation burial for an Out-of-Town resident will be set at \$150.00, for a 12" X 12" X 24" opening.

**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** any purchase of a plot or transfer of a plot from a Huntsville Town resident to Non-Resident will incur a \$500.00 name change fee. Any purchase of a plot or transfer of a plot from a Town Resident to another Town resident will incur a \$25.00 fee.

**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** a plot may be transferred from a plot owner to a relative who is a non-resident for a \$25 transfer fee, after the plot has been owned for a minimum of 10 years from the date of purchase. Proof of relations will be required.

If the grantee or holder of a plot or parcel in the Huntsville Town cemetery has not used the plot or parcels for a burial for more than sixty (60) years from date of purchase, and during the time and has not given to Huntsville Town a written notice of claim or interest in the plots or parcels shall be prima facie evidence that the grantee or holder has abandoned the plots or parcels. Reference Title 11.4.G.