

**CEMETERY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

The Cemetery Board of Directors of the City of Burkburnett, Texas met in a regularly scheduled meeting on May 7, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 501 Sheppard Road, Burkburnett, Texas. The meeting was open to the public with notice given in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

The following members were present:

Ronald Clarke	Chairperson
Denise Kirkpatrick	Vice-Chairperson
Paula Smith	Secretary
Ted Kwas	Member
Nova Dickson Morris	Member
Eric Rutledge	Member
Brenda Whaley	Member

Present also was Brent Battista, Director of Parks and Recreation.

ITEM 1. Chairperson Ron Clarke called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2019

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3. Director of Parks and Recreation Comments and Updates

Brent Battista, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed the Board about the posts on social media criticizing the maintenance of the cemetery. Mr. Battista reassured the Board since there have been a few days without rain, the City is catching up on mowing and edging. Fill dirt has been added where needed to address sunken headstones, but Mr. Battista reminded the Board that there are restrictions in place regarding the limits to what the City can do for headstone maintenance. Mr. Battista also notified the Board that Channel 3 would be interviewing him at the Cemetery.

ITEM 4. Citizen/Board Member Comments

The cemetery pavilion is available for use at no additional rental cost. There was discussion regarding the need for a wind block. Concern was expressed that the funeral home is not presenting the pavilion to the family as an option. The discussion then revolved around the use of upright markers.

ITEM 5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Ron Clarke, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Margie Poole, City Clerk