

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 12, 2020**

PRESENT: Doug Iverson, Jeff Liddicoat, Tom Rogers, Al Schraeder  
ABSENT: None  
OTHERS: Public Works Director Ehrenberg, City Administrator Rich

Schraeder called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Approval of agenda**

Liddicoat moved and Iverson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Public communications and comment**

No one from the public was present to address the Committee. Schraeder stated that after the last meeting the Committee was cautioned in the local media about discussion drifting from the agenda. Schraeder apologized and will do his best to help the Committee stay on task and not venture to items not on the agenda. Rogers stated the agenda item was commercial garbage and the discussion was within the realm. Liddicoat stated he also read the newspaper article and the findings were appropriately true; no harm was meant. Liddicoat questioned why the media would discourage citizens from volunteering to participate in local government and felt there was a different way this should have been handled.

**Approve meeting minutes – February 6<sup>th</sup>**

Iverson moved and Rogers seconded a motion to approve the February 6<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Discussion items**

**Columbarium**

Schraeder thanked Ehrenberg for preparing the comparison sheet and for the draft purchase agreement. Ehrenberg explained there are no company names on the comparison sheet; just Company A and Company B, to help the Committee make the best decision financially and based on references. One individual has signed up already to purchase two niches in the first columbarium. The consensus of the Committee was that Company B is the best option, as it provides the most revenue to the City. Ehrenberg explained the draft purchase agreement was based off of examples from other communities. Iverson suggested having the city attorney review the draft purchase agreement. Liddicoat suggested allowing plants and flowers. Iverson inquired what the revenue would be used for. Ehrenberg suggested keeping the money in the cemetery fund. Dead trees need to be cut down at a cost of \$17,000, paving also needs attention, or could grow the columbarium. Company B requires half down. Concrete work could start, as well as the sale of niches, and the project could start when enough money has been raised. Ehrenberg has reached out to Bill Neill, and there is estimated over

\$10,000 in donations for this project. Liddicoat moved and Iverson seconded a motion to recommend accepting the proposal from Company B, authorizing up to \$4,000 to start the concrete prep work, and starting the project once enough money has been raised for the down payment through fees and donations. Motion carried.

**Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting**

Iverson suggested LED lighting. Please contact Ehrenberg, Rich, or Schraeder with other suggestions.

**Announce date and time for next committee meeting**

Rich will ask Karen to poll the Committee members for a time that works for everyone.

With no other business before the Committee, Iverson moved and Rogers seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Schraeder declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Rich, City Administrator