

Special called City Commission meeting - August 3, 1989 - 8:30 a.m. - City Hall

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with Comm. Stiffey, Crisp & McGuffey in attendance.

Mayor Gilley explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the contract for the cemetery maintenance and perhaps try to resolve some of the complaints that had been received. He said the cemetery had looked pretty ragged and not trimmed during most of this mowing season he ask Mr. Ron Studle if he had any comment regarding this. Mr. Studle said he had not been able to please the commission since he had started his contract. He said they mowed and trimmed every two weeks, which was the same thing he did at his own home. He said it was a ten acre field not a yard and doesn't know what else to do to please people. Comm. Crisp said when he talked with Ron Studle about his possibly bidding on the cemetery contract he told him it was a full time job, and that once it was mowed entirely then the contractor starts back over it. Mr. Studle said he was not told this. He said according to the contract he signed he was to mow the cemetery grounds and there was no particular time stated and that is what they are doing. He ask the commission what they wanted him to do to correct the apparent problem. Comm. Stiffey said he felt the solution was for him to mow more often, especially during the unusual rainy weather we have had this year. Comm. McGuffey felt it would be impossible to set down in a contract the exact number of times the grounds were to be mowed because no one has the knowledge of what the weather will be for that particular season. Comm. McGuffey suggested the cemetery contract be put on the Aug. commission meeting so that they could work on mapping out more thorough guidelines for future contracts. All were in agreement.

Mayor Gilley ask what the commissions feelings were about Mr. Studle choosing a section and spraying Round-up around the headstones and see if this would cut down on some of the trimming involved. They all agreed this was a good idea and Mr. Studle agreed to do so.

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Mr. Studle ask the commission what .their opinion was on the looks of the shrubs at the entrance to the cemetery. He said when they cleaned out the leaves and

debris that was left from last year they looked bad. Comm. Stiffey said his son had trimmed them down pretty far and it would take two or three years for them to come back out and look good.

Mr. Studle said in his opinion he was fulfilling the contract as he said he would and would continue to do so. This includes mulching the leaves, seeding graves etc.

With no further comments to be heard, a motion to adjourn was floored.

Approved: James R. Gilley  
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal  
City Clerk