

Cemetery Board
December 4, 2025

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Cemetery Board was held on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Perry Giles, Chairman
Trudy Hankins, Vice Chair
Connie McGuire
Mark Gundert
Alex Lohmann

Others Present: Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Morgan Massey, Administrative Coordinator
Steve Hamm, Cemetery Supervisor
Patrick Souter, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Liaison

1. Call to Order

Chairman Perry Giles called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Reorganize the Board

Action:

Alex Lohmann moved to nominate Perry Giles as chairman. Motion was seconded by Connie McGuire and carried unanimously (5-0).

Action:

Alex Lohmann moved to nominate Trudy Hankins as vice chairman. Motion was seconded by Connie McGuire and carried unanimously (5-0).

4. Consider approval of minutes of the City Cemetery Board meeting of September 4, 2025

Action:

Connie McGuire moved to approve the minutes of the Cemetery Board meeting of September 4, 2025 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trudy Hankins and carried unanimously (5-0).

5. Hear update on Cemetery plot sales and services

Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, provided the following year-to-date summary of Cemetery activities:

- Burials: 65
- Plot Sales: 67
- Cremation Sales: 8
- Columbarium Sales: 7

6. Request to appear by Peggy Crabtree to discuss ongoing violations of cemetery rules, including after-hours visitation, gravesite damage and unauthorized items, inappropriate prolonged activities, and off-leash dogs, and to consider improved enforcement measures

Citizen Peggy Crabtree was unable to attend the meeting; however, Mr. Barnes read an email from Ms. Crabtree outlining her concerns regarding ongoing violations of Cemetery rules. These concerns included after-hours visitation, damage to gravesites, placement of unauthorized items, prolonged and inappropriate activities, and dogs being off-leash. Ms. Crabtree requested that the City consider implementing improved enforcement measures.

Cemetery Supervisor Steve Hamm provided an update on communications between the Crabtree family and the family involved. He explained that the situation concerns a grieving wife and family who had placed additional decorations and mementos at a gravesite. Mr. Hamm noted that the area in question is currently being addressed and that the family is in the process of cleaning up the site.

7. Set next meeting date and time

The next meeting of the City Cemetery Board will be held February 5, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

It was noted that meeting agendas must be posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Massey
Administrative Coordinator