

Cemetery Board
February 5, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Cemetery Board was held on Thursday, February 5, 2026 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: Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Morgan Massey, Administrative Coordinator
Steve Hamm, Cemetery Supervisor
Chris Wright, City Council Member

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comments

Jerry Chapman requested to hire a 3rd party to help adjust the curb and perform maintenance of his plot. Bradley Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, advised Mr. Chapman that it would not require board approval and that he could work directly with staff.

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

Action:

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

4. Hear update on Cemetery plot sales and services

Mr. Barnes provided an update on sales & burials for December and January.

5. Discuss future planning, including the columbarium, available plots, average annual sales, and the cemetery budget.

Mr. Barnes presented a slideshow outlining future planning considerations for the cemetery, including current columbarium capacity, remaining available plots, average annual sales trends, and long-term budget impacts. Board members engaged in general discussion regarding current inventory levels and future development priorities. Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services, referenced additional land owned by the City that could potentially be considered for future expansion.

6. Discuss Cemetery cleanup schedule and take any necessary action

Steve Hamm, Cemetery Supervisor, provided an update on the cemetery cleanup schedule. He reported that there have been very few complaints from the public and that the current cleanup process has gone very well. He noted that the cleanup is nearly complete and expressed his opinion that cleanups may need to occur more frequently moving forward to maintain the desired standards.

The Board engaged in general discussion regarding the schedule and overall effectiveness of the cleanup efforts.

No action taken.

7. Set next meeting date and time

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

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Davis
Administrative Coordinator