

Cemetery Board
March 5, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Waxahachie Cemetery Board was held on Thursday, March 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
Mark Gundert
Alex Lohmann

Member Absent: Connie McGuire

Others Present: Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Steve Hamm, Cemetery Supervisor
Morgan Davis, Administrative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Consider approval of minutes of the City Cemetery Board meeting of February 5, 2026

Action:

Trudy Hankins moved to approve the minutes of the Cemetery Board meeting of February 5, 2026 as presented. Motion was seconded by Alex Lohmann and carried unanimously (4-0).

4. Hear update & discussion by Mark Gundert on Wreaths Across America

Mark Gundert provided an update on activities related to Wreaths Across America through the Sons of the American Revolution group, of which he is a member. He reported that the group recently received a \$10,000 donation and plans to expand their efforts to additional cemeteries. He clarified that these efforts will not impact the City-owned cemetery.

Mr. Gundert noted that a primary task moving forward is identifying and marking all veterans' graves, as many are currently unmarked. He also shared that volunteers will be needed to assist with cleaning headstones and placing wreaths.

The next wreath-laying event is tentatively scheduled for December 13, 2026.

5. Discuss long-term planning for the sustainability and future development of the cemetery, including projected capacity, funding needs, and potential revenue strategies

A brief discussion was held regarding the future sustainability and development of the City Cemetery. It was noted that the Cemetery currently has approximately 1,200 available spaces, with an estimated capacity to last about 10 years at the current rate of use.

Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, suggested removing any unpaid “holds” from the Cemetery record-keeping book, which could potentially free up approximately 100 additional spaces.

Chairman Giles recommended evaluating ground quality to determine the feasibility of expanding usable burial areas. Cost estimates and growth projections will be presented at the next meeting.

6. Set next meeting date and time

The next meeting of the City Cemetery Board will be held April 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Davis
Administrative Coordinator