



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Council Session

Item G-11

#2015-139 - Amending City Fee Structure to Include Cemetery Columbarium Fee's

Staff Contact: Todd McCoy, Parks & Recreation Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: May 26, 2015

Subject: Amending the 2014/2015 Fee Schedule to Include Columbarium Fees

Item #'s: G-11

Presenter(s): Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

Background

A City Council study session was held last year to consider options for addressing space issues at the Cemetery. To help with the space issues, it was discussed and recommended to construct a columbarium.

A columbarium is designated for the inurnment of ashes of those who have been cremated. It is similar to a mausoleum, except it houses urns instead of caskets. Individual spaces are called a niche. Each niche can hold up to two urns.



Discussion

Columbiums have become a popular option for many community cemeteries. The Grand Island City Cemetery staff plans to install a 48 niche columbarium unit. In order to provide columbarium space to the public, the City fee schedule must be amended.

Staff recommends \$600 for a single container and \$800 for two containers per niche. The existing \$200 charge for opening/closing of ash burials would still apply. Cemetery staff calculated the construction and maintenance cost of the columbarium, considered other City burial services fees, and researched other cemeteries to determine recommended fees for the columbarium.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the 2014/2015 Fee Schedule Amendment to include columbarium fees.

Sample Motion

Motion to modify the existing fee schedule.

RESOLUTION 2015-139

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the fee schedule for the City Cemetery to include Columbarium Fees; and

WHEREAS the amended fee schedule is as follows;

\$600 for one container and \$800 for two containers per niche.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City Cemetery amended changes to the Fee Schedule to include Columbarium Fees be incorporated into the 2014/2015 budget.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 26, 2015.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ✕ _____
May 22, 2015 ✕ City Attorney