

# BEAUTIFICATION/CEMETERY/STREET LIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**MARCH 25, 2021**

PRESENT: Mayor Carswell, Vice Mayor Jones, Council Members Anderson, Bates, Byne, Tinley, Williams, City Manager Valerie Kirkland, Assistant City Manager Trinetta Skinner, Public Works Superintendent Robert Seamans, Fire Chief Robert Parrish

ABSENT:

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams at 5:00 p.m.
2. Chairman Williams gave the invocation.
3. City Manager Kirkland introduced Public Works Superintendent Robert Seamans to provide an update of ongoing projects and tasks regarding Beautification around the city. Superintendent Seamans discussed coordinating mowing the lawns throughout city property beginning the first Monday of April. The city will be parceled into quadrants identified as being either east or west of Liberty Street. Superintendent Seamans provided a color-coded map of zones and subzones in each quadrant detailing the direction. He also stated that there will be 6 total employees who have the responsibility of mowing - two allocated to the East side, two allocated to the west side and two who will tend to the cemetery, parks and water towers. Cemetery mowing will be conducted on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. He is reviewing applications for an additional hire for the department and hopes to have someone in the near future.
4. City Manager Kirkland informed the committee that there were 85 vacant cemetery lots available. In the near future, the committee will need to discuss where additional cemetery plots can be purchased. City Manager Kirkland detailed that there were water spickets repaired on the south side of the cemetery used for irrigation. The north side of the cemetery's irrigation system is heavily damaged and would cost \$50K to fix. Additional repairs will be made as needed when needed.
5. Public Works Superintendent Robert Seamans provided an update on the street lights in the city. For the month of March, there have been 6 street lights that needed repair. Contact was made to Georgia Power who is contracted to complete street light repairs. There was one request for a light to be placed in front of a house. The request was denied because the amount of spacing (approx. at least 300' requirement) needs to exist between light poles to justify additional illumination. Superintendent Seamans recommended that a form be made available to the public via the city's website for requests to place street lights. Mayor Carswell spoke about having reviewed areas of the city where there was a higher crime rate with the Waynesboro Police Department. The decision was made to increase lighting in those areas as a means to help combat crime. Circumstances like these would take precedent over not satisfying general requirements of pole location.

6. With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.