

Minutes of the Meeting of the Whole of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Jeff Martin, mayor

Present: Scott Bachowski, Mark Eby, Mark Edwards, Denise Moran, Mayor Jeff Martin

Council members met with the Town of Chetek board members - Mark Carlson, Keith Hansen, Dave Lentz, and clerk Kristy Trowbridge to discuss the future operation of the Lakeview Cemetery. The Lakeview Cemetery board voted to dissolve at their annual meeting held in May 2018. The Town of Chetek and City of Chetek have been subsidizing the operation of the cemetery since 2011 due the lack of operating income.

The Lakeview Cemetery lies between both municipalities. Per Wisconsin Statute 157.064(5), a cemetery association may vote to convey cemetery property and all trust funds pertaining to the cemetery property to a city, village, or town. Also, Statute 157.115 states that if a cemetery has not been maintained for a period of five or more years, the municipality shall take control.

The Town of Chetek and City of Chetek will need to decide if they want to take over their respective portions of the cemetery and operate separately or form a commission to operate under a joint agreement. A new association could be formed or simply operated jointly with an agreement.

If we want to operate through an association, we would be need to go through the process of forming a new tax exempt entity. The association would then be responsible for paying the bills, filing for licensing, handling the payroll, carrying a separate liability policy, etc. If the municipalities operated under a joint agreement, one municipality would be responsible for hiring the maintenance crew and sexton. Both municipalities would fund the cemetery operations.

A meeting will be scheduled for September, 2018 to further discuss.

Motion to adjourn by Eby, 2nd by Moran. carried.

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Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer