

City of Peabody
Cemetery Commission Meeting
November 24, 2025
6:00PM City Hall Lower Level

Attendees: Cemetery Commissioners

Cemetery Superintendent Morgan

Mayor Bettencourt

Lianne Woods, Office Administration

Agenda: Approval of the minutes of September 18, 2025 meeting

Status of expansion areas

Update of Columbaria

Discussion:

Meeting Minutes: The review of the minutes from the September 18th meeting were discussed. There were some discrepancies with the minutes and corrections should be made before approval.

Motion to approve the minutes failed 2-1.

Expansion Areas: Construction for the expansion area is behind schedule. The city did not receive any response to the original RFP. Some work could be done in-house and the city will pursue other contractors.

The expansion discussions included pre-sales of graves. The number of graves that would be pre-sale was not considered at this time. A decision would be made once the number of graves will be created by the expansion.

Motion to approve pre-sale of graves once expansion area is fully open passed 3-0.

The locations for burials in Section K were discussed – double plots or side by side plots. Without knowing if double plots are possible, there was a motion on July 17, 2025 to

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continue with side by side plots which passed 3-0. It has now been determined that double graves are possible in Section K.

Motion to void the July vote regarding side by side in Section K passed 3-0.

Motion to allow traditional graves in Section K passed 3-0.

Columbaria: This was discussed in detail—quantity, size, location, appearance. Tentative locations are in Section K and one for the Veterans section. The superintendent will continue to search the options and placement will be reviewed in the future.

Motion to place one columbarium in Section K and one in Veterans Section passed 2-1.

New Business:

The issue of trees was discussed. Some are dying and need to be removed. Some areas need some additional trees. This will require attention.

Monumental Cemetery needs landscaping attention. This will be cleaned up when staffing is at full strength and available.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.