

**Brainerd, Minnesota
October 13, 2021**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the meeting of the Brainerd Charter Commission was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Charter Commission Chair Czeczok.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted present: Commissioners Bevans, Czeczok, Yeager, O'Day, Shipe, and Lambert. City Administrator Bergman and Finance Director Hillman were also noted as present. Commissioners Burton and Marohn were noted as absent.

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONERS YEAGER AND SHIPE, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE REMOVAL OF DISCUSSION ON CHAPTER 6, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION CHAPTER.

Approval of the Minutes

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONERS LAMBERT AND YEAGER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2021.

New Business

Consider Request from Evergreen Cemetery

The Chair recognized Duane Blanck, Evergreen Cemetery Board. Mr. Blanck gave an overview of revenue loss overtime for the Evergreen Cemetery.

The Chair recognized Tom Fitzpatrick, Evergreen Cemetery Board. Mr. Fitzpatrick gave an overview of the request that the Evergreen Cemetery Board would like the Charter Commission to consider making to the Charter through ordinance. The cemetery board is requesting an amendment to the Charter for .5% of the previous year's levy to go to the Evergreen Cemetery. This language is similar to the language in the latest amendments in the Charter.

Commission discussion took place.

Commissioner O'Day asked about the current expenditures of the cemetery board.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the expenditures are for a full time Superintendent, a half time executive secretary, and 2 seasonal maintenance workers as well as operating costs.

Commissioner O'Day stated that he believed that Evergreen would fit into Ordinance 1520 as a qualified greenspace organization and encouraged Mr. Fitzpatrick to complete a request for proposal through the City Council when it becomes available, instead of adding more language to the Charter.

Administrator Bergman stated she would communicate with Attorney Langel to confirm whether or not a cemetery would qualify as a greenspace organization.

Adjourn

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONERS BEVANS AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN THE CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING.

Commission Chair Czeczok adjourned the meeting 6:05 p.m.



Secretary