



# CITY OF ELOY

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ELOY CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 5:30 PM**  
**Eloy City Council Chambers**  
**595 North C Street**  
**Eloy, Arizona 85131**

## AGENDA

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**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

**IV. Appearances from the Floor**

Individuals wishing to **ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE** may do so by signing in on a form provided by the Committee Secretary, identifying the topic(s) or agenda item(s). **ACTION** taken as a result of public comment regarding non agenda items will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. During an open session, the Committee shall not hear personal complaints against City personnel or a person connected with the City. **TIME LIMIT FOR SPEAKERS WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON.**

**V. Director's Report:**

- A. Burials and Work Orders
- Cemetery Maintenance
- Upcoming Events
- Opening of New Section (E)

**VI. Business: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:**

- A. Approval of Minutes: June 8, 2021

**VII. Adjournment**

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Myers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. Below the signature is a solid horizontal line.

Mary Myers, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk

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**MINUTES OF  
THE ELOY CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
CITY OF ELOY  
595 NORTH C STREET  
ELOY, ARIZONA 85131  
JUNE 8, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

Staff Present: Paul Anchondo-Community Services Director; Mary Myers-Committee Secretary; Jerry Calvillo-Parks Superintendent; Lorena LaSalde-Rios-Administrative Assistant

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Micah Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Andrew Rodriguez led the Committee and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Present:** Micah Powell-Chairman; Natasha Tidwell-Vice Chair; Steven Paulson-Member; Ana Maria Valadez-Member; Mary Lou Martinez-Member; Andrew Rodriguez-Member; Sylvia Guanajuato Rodriguez-Member

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**IV. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**V. INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chairman Powell introduced Mrs. Mary Lou Martinez and Ms. Ana Maria Valadez as the two newly appointed members to the committee. He stated that Member Martinez and

Member Valadez were interviewed and recommended for appointment by a subcommittee and approved by the city council.

Member Martinez, who is a long time resident of Eloy, gave a brief introduction about herself and her desire to serve the residents of Eloy. She thanked the committee for accepting her as a member of the committee.

## **VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Anchondo also welcomed the new members to the committee. He extended an open invitation to both members to please contact him if at anytime they wish to meet with him, Mr. Calvillo or Secretary Myers and her staff to familiarize themselves with cemetery operations.

### **A. Burials and Work Orders**

As of March 2, 2021, to date, the cemetery staff has conducted 32 burials; set 59 headstones and/or foundations pours and processed 37 miscellaneous work orders.

### **B. Cemetery Maintenance**

- Cemetery staff are now on site at the cemetery three days a week (Mon, Wed, Fri).
- A full time cemetery staff position is budgeted in the FY2021-2022 city budget.
- Staff purchased five new cemetery benches that will be installed at the park in three to four weeks.

### **C. Memorial Day Event Recap**

Mr. Anchondo conveyed the parks staff assisted the Eloy Chamber of Commerce with preparing the cemetery for the Memorial Day ceremony. He said approximately 150 people attended the annual event. Mr. Anchondo thanked Member Martinez for her assistance updating the recording of the veterans names that were read during the ceremony.

Member Rodriguez brought up the issue of the appearance (weeds) of the cemetery over the Mother's Day weekend last month. He said he and other members of the Council were not privy to any disciplinary actions possibly taken as a result of the incident. Member Rodriguez wanted to know from Mr. Anchondo how the cemetery got to that point, and if he has a plan to ensure something like this does not happen again. He said what happened was very serious; citizens were upset and the city manager even offered to

give his two weeks' notice. He asked Mr. Anchondo again, what he plans to do to make it better.

Mr. Anchondo conveyed that as part of the plan that he discussed with him and Mayor Powell in the meeting that occurred shortly after the incident, and what he just mentioned in his director's report, staff is now at the cemetery three days a week. So, additional attention will be given to the cemetery. In response to how it happened, Mr. Anchondo said as stated in that meeting, it was an issue of prioritizing. It was not that the holiday was forgotten, but the fact that staff was doing a number of other things and completely dropped the ball. Mr. Anchondo said as director of the department, the responsibility falls on his shoulders.

Chairman Powell wanted to clarify for the record that the city manager did not offer to submit his resignation, but rather asked him (Powell) should he do it and he told him no.

Chairman Powell told Mr. Anchondo that the cemetery looks good and commended him for taking ownership for what happened.

## **VI. BUSINESS: Possible Discussion and/or Action on the Following:**

### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 2, 2021**

Chairman Powell conveyed a correction to the minutes that Secretary Myers would address.

Mrs. Myers conveyed that an error was brought to her attention by Member Paulson on page 2, second paragraph under "Cemetery Maintenance." The third sentence reads, "*When the funeral procession arrived at the cemetery, his friend told him that a had not been prepared for his father.*" Mrs. Myers said the words *the grave* should be inserted in between the words *a* and *had* and the word *a* omitted.

There being no comments, questions or further corrections, Chairman Powell called for a motion to approve with the correction.

Motion by Vice Chair Tidwell, seconded by Member Guanajuato Rodriguez, to approve the March 2, 2021, meeting minutes with the correction as stated by Secretary Myers, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Powell adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m.

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Micah Powell, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Mary Myers, Committee Secretary