



# CITY OF ELOY

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ELOY CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 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  
Wreaths Across America

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

- A. Approval of Minutes: 9/29/2021
- B. Appointment of a Chairperson for 2022
- C. Appointment of a Vice Chairperson for 2022
- D. Discussion and possible action to enforce cemetery rules and regulations pertaining to the opening and closing of Eloy Memorial Park.

**VII. Adjournment**

**POSTED BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021, BY 5:00 P.M. AT ELOY CITY HALL, ELOY POST OFFICE, TROY THOMAS COMMUNITY CENTER, TOLTEC COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER AND CITY WEBSITE: [www.elayaz.gov](http://www.elayaz.gov)**

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  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

Staff Present: Paul Anchondo-Community Services Director; Mary Myers-Committee Secretary; Jerry Calvillo-Parks Superintendent; Michael Legate-Parks Maintenance Crew Leader

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Micah Powell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Guanajuato 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; Mary Lou Martinez-Member; Sylvia Guanajuato Rodriguez-Member

**Committee Members Absent:** Ana Maria Valadez-Member; Andrew Rodriguez-Member

**IV. APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Burials and Work Orders**

- Since the last board meeting (6/8/21), the cemetery staff has conducted 31 burials; set 14 headstones; poured 30 foundations and processed 35 miscellaneous work orders.

### **Cemetery Maintenance**

- A full-time employee is now stationed at the cemetery, 8 hours a day. Mr. Anchondo said the employee may be pulled from the cemetery from time to time to assist the parks crew when short staffed.
- Watering of the cemetery will be scaled back over the next few weeks, due to the approaching colder months. The grass will go into a dormant state in a couple of months. Mr. Anchondo pointed out that the oleanders trees are watered during the winter months.

Member Guanajuato Rodriguez asked Mr. Anchondo if he looked into what it would cost to plant winter seed and continue to water.

Mr. Anchondo conveyed that he has not looked into this. The cemetery does not have the typical irrigation system where it can be set to a timer. Mr. Anchondo said the cemetery has limited water capacity through CAIDD; he would have to obtain a cost for additional water. Mr. Anchondo said this has never been done before, however he is willing to revisit the issue if it is the wish of the committee.

### **Upcoming Events**

- All Souls Day is on November 2<sup>nd</sup> sponsored by Saint Helens Catholic Church. Parks staff will provide minor support to the church. Mr. Anchondo said the church has not submitted a special events application for the event as of yet.
- Anticipates the Wreaths Across America event will occur this year. Mr. Anchondo said the event was hosted by the Pinal Hispanic Council and the Eloy Veterans Center last year on December 19<sup>th</sup>. He said staff will provide support for this event as well.

Vice Chair Tidwell asked Mr. Anchondo to please notify the committee when Wreaths Across America will be visiting the cemetery. She pointed out that the committee was unaware the organization visited the cemetery last year for the event.

Mr. Anchondo acknowledged Vice Chair Tidwell's request.

### **Opening of New Section (E)**

- Mr. Anchondo conveyed that staff would be meeting to discuss starting the process to open Section E at the cemetery. Section B has approximately 300 plots available (92 veterans; 17 double stacks; and 200 singles). He said Chairman Powell requested the new section include an area just for cremations, due to the increase in this type of burial. Mr. Anchondo said Section E is located west of the entrance into the cemetery (area closest to the cemetery shop).

Chairman Powell said he is aware that the city has a number of unused sections left, but wanted to know what would the city do in the future once all the sections are filled.

Mr. Anchondo said there is plenty of room to cover the cemetery for the next 15 to 20 years and beyond. However, when the time comes that all sections are full, the city would have the option to maintain the cemetery and no longer have any burials, or purchase more land adjacent to the cemetery. Mr. Anchondo conveyed that Chairman Powell talked to him about possibly purchasing the 20 acres of land south of the cemetery. He stated he would have to budget for this next budget year if this is something the committee wants him to pursue.

Member Martinez wanted to know are trees going to be planted to get the section ready.

Mr. Anchondo conveyed that staff does not have a plan in place for the planting of trees in the new section, but it is staff's intent to have the section "mirror" the other sections in the park. He said cypress trees would be planted around the perimeter of the section. He reminded the committee that staff is at the beginning stage of discussions about the new section. Mr. Anchondo said the staff plans to meet with the city's GIS coordinator to discuss the plotting and mapping of the section.

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

### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 8, 2021**

Chairman Powell asked the Committee if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes.

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

Motion by Member Martinez, seconded by Member Paulson, to approve the June 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, passed unanimously by roll call vote (5-0).

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Powell adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:43 p.m.

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Micah Powell, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Mary Myers, Committee Secretary