

The Cemetery Commission met at the Mount Vernon City Hall Conference Room on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Commission members present were Ruth Horton, Mike Woods, Teresa Cox and Mary Evans.

Minutes were read from June 9, 2026.

*Maintenance of cemetery records and documents*

Commission members discussed the WHKS ArcGIS mapping program. Teresa Cox is planning on doing our "test pilot" of entering data from the New Section as it's called on the cemetery maps. Teresa is confident she can handle the process of photographing each gravestone and filling in the 15 information blanks.

Future discussion with Lori Boren is needed on how the city will incorporate the ArcGIS data with permanent cemetery records?

*Restoration and preservation of cemetery monuments*

Four teams are waiting for temperatures to drop below 90 plus degrees to begin the preservation work.

*Maintenance of cemetery grounds*

Leigh Bradbury submitted a ticket for more soil for the Kurth grave. Mrs. Kurth was interred in March. The grave soil is 6 to 8 inches below the surrounding sod and needs grass seed.

*Discussion of burial services offered in Iowa*

No discussion

*Promoting and publicizing the cemetery*

Sue Murphy asked the commission to present an hour program for the LBC Speaker Series on October 29, 2026. All members present were willing to speak. Mary will create the PowerPoint and narration.

The Cemetery Walk is slowly taking shape with help from everyone.

- Teresa Cox is working on arranging golf carts to transport guests on the walk that have difficulty standing for any length of time.
- Mike Woods is gathering information on military veterans buried in the cemetery.
- Ruth Horton is jotting down memories for Kim Benesh to use when delivering Alison Horton Jacobi's monologue.
- Parking for guests will be the same as on Memorial Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E Evans