

The Cemetery Commission met at the Mount Vernon City Hall Conference Room on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Commission members present were Ruth Horton, Mike Woods, Teresa Cox, Tim Lagore and Mary Evans.

Minutes from July 14, 2026 were read earlier by all members.

*Maintenance of cemetery records and documents*

Teresa Cox explained her experience of using the WHKS ArcGIS mapping program to identify 2 burial sites in the new section as it's called on the cemetery maps. In the future Lori Boren will meet Teresa in the cemetery to answer any questions. One of the major questions is how we can be certain that the information was added to the correct identification grid. Teresa is confident she can implement the new mapping program with help from WHKS and will help instruct Mary & Ruth to map the cemetery.

*Restoration and preservation of cemetery monuments*

We are still hopeful that we will repair several monuments this summer and fall.

*Maintenance of cemetery grounds*

The city crew has placed additional soil on three grave sites.

*Discussion of burial services offered in Iowa*

No discussion

*Promoting and publicizing the cemetery*

Commission members will present an hour program for the LBC Speaker Series on October 29, 2026 titled Etched in Stone: Mount Vernon Cemetery, 1851-present

The Cemetery Walk is scheduled for September 20 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. The monologues are written for Elijah Waln, Mary Francher Williams, and Anna Brackett Neff. Monologues for Firefighters, Alison Horton Jacobi, and Military Veterans are in the works.

Three commissioners attended the Cedar Rapids Historical Society's Linn County presentation on the Mount Vernon Cemetery.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E Evans