



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

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Subject

Consider, and act upon, Ordinance No. 2021-21 amending Wylie's Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 2021-17, as amended, Chapter 78 (Parks and Recreation) to add Article IX (Cemeteries); Establishing a Cemetery Advisory Board.

Recommendation

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-21 amending Wylie's Code of Ordinances, Ordinance No. 2021-17, as amended, Chapter 78 (Parks and Recreation) to add Article IX (Cemeteries); Establishing a Cemetery Advisory Board.

Discussion

In March 2020, staff discussed with Council and received direction to move forward with the City of Wylie taking ownership and maintenance of the Wylie Cemetery and the Hughes Cemetery. Since that time, staff has met with the current Wylie Cemetery Association Board to gather information and documents to proceed with the transfer of ownership.

With the upcoming Boards and Commissions appointments, it would be appropriate to establish a Cemetery Advisory Board to allow interested citizens an opportunity to be appointed and serve. The attached ordinance creates a seven-member board to serve in an advisory capacity to review and recommend actions to the City Council governing cemeteries and the historic preservation of cemeteries under municipal control.

Board members shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of two years; provided, however, that the members of the first board to serve shall be appointed so that three (3) members shall serve one (1) year terms and four (4) members shall serve two (2) year terms. The term limits shall be the same as term limits for other boards that were amended January 14, 2020.

The Board shall not have the power to obligate the city for funds and/or expenditures or incur any debt on behalf of the city. The Board shall have any other power and/or duty as prescribed and authorized by the City Council. Once established and appointed, the members will create their rules and bylaws to be adopted by City Council.

Staff is working with the City Attorney to work out the details for the transfer of ownership and will bring that for Council consideration at a later date.