

## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners  
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager  
DATE: October 3, 2024  
RE: Amend Cherry Grove Cemetery Rules & Regulations

For the Agenda of October 7, 2024

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Background. The City has recently had several inquiries into placing personal mausoleums (sample photo att'd) in the cemetery to allow the full sealed above ground burial of caskets and cremains. The Cherry Grove Cemetery Board has recommended an amendment (*copy att'd*) to the City's current rules and regulations to include specific regulations pertaining to the sale of the of these personal mausoleums including where in the cemetery they can be placed, the number of grave sites required to be purchased based on the size, and the actual size of the mausoleum. The mausoleum company would be responsible for both the foundation and the open/close of the mausoleum. The City Commission is asked to approve the proposed amendment.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission approve the recommended amendment to the Cherry Grove Cemetery Rules & Regulations?

Alternatives.

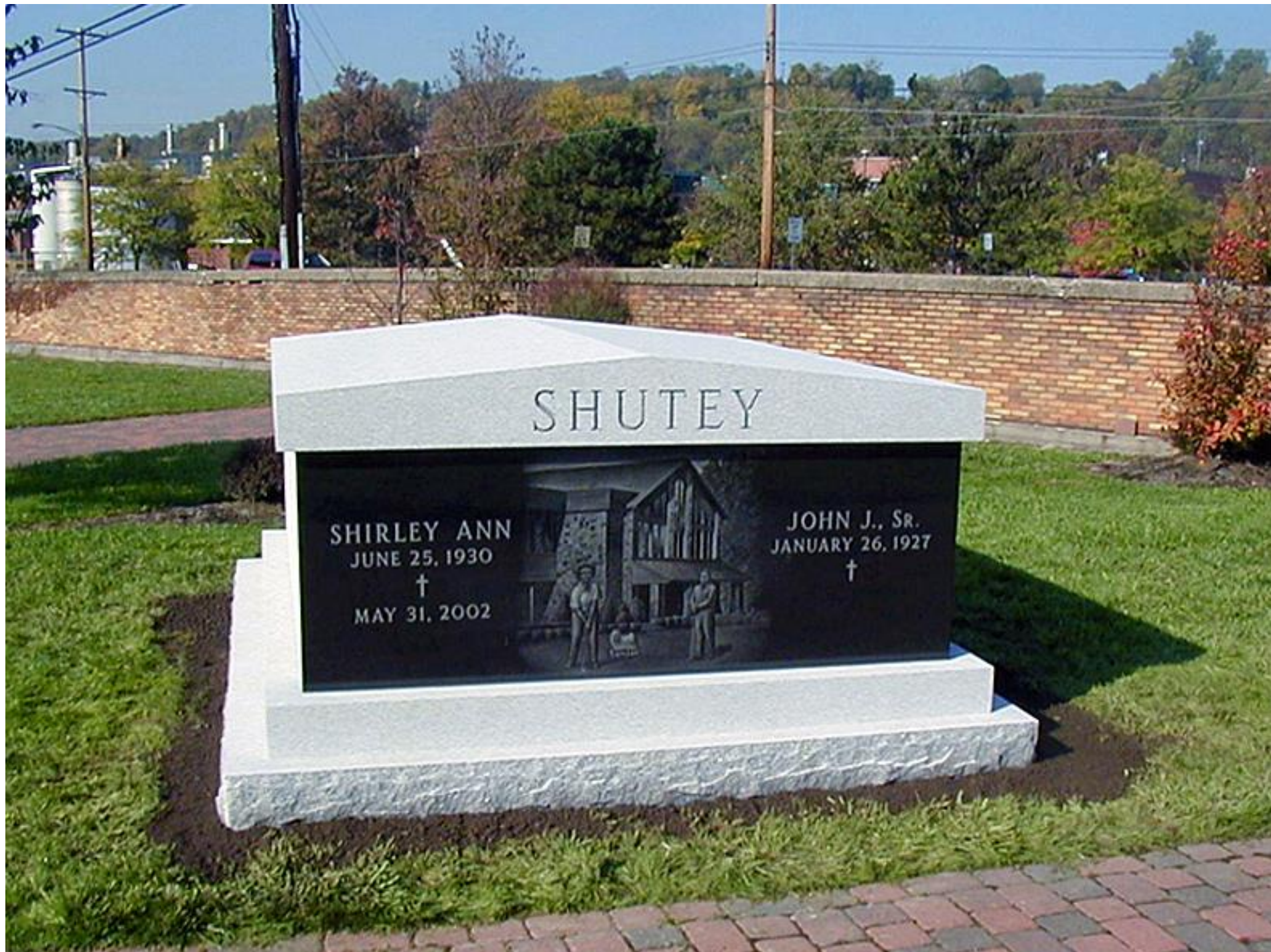
1. Approve the proposed amendment.
2. Approve a modified version of the proposed amendment.
3. Do not approve an amendment to the current rules.
4. Set aside decision regarding this matter to a subsequently scheduled public meeting.

Financial Impact. There is no direct fiscal impact other than the additional sale of lots for the placement of the mausoleums.

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission approve the proposed amendment to the Cherry Grove Cemetery Rules & Regulations by adoption of Resolution 2024-076 (*copy att'd*).

Attachments.

1. Mausoleum Sample Photo
2. Proposed Amendment.
3. Resolution 2024-076.



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## **Cherry Grove Cemetery Advisory Board**

### **Rules and Regulations Amendment Recommendation 10/07/2024**

#### **MAUSOLEUMS**

#### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

- Purchasers of mausoleums must contact the City of Clare for approval to place in the Cherry Grove Cemetery, and are subject to the rules & regulations of the cemetery currently in force and as adopted in the future.
- Size of mausoleum must be approved by the Cemetery Advisory Board.
- All burials in a mausoleum will be in approved caskets or urns. The number of caskets or urns will depend on the size of the mausoleum and the maximum number will be decided by the Cemetery Advisory Board.
- The location and number of graves necessary will be decided by the Cemetery Advisory Board based on the size of the mausoleum.
- The foundation for a mausoleum must be provided by the company providing the mausoleum.
- Open/Close should be done by the company that the mausoleum was purchased from. If unable to do so, the City DPW crew **may** be able to do this for a fee.
- Purchase price of graves will be paid in full at time of purchase, and a deed of ownership will then be issued to purchaser. Graves must be purchased and paid for prior to a mausoleum and foundation being placed in the cemetery.
- Perpetual care is included in the purchase price of grave site(s).

**RESOLUTION 2024-076**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHERRY GROVE CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Clare City Commission previously approved standing rules and regulations government the operations and procedures related to the City-owned Cherry Grove Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has recently had several inquiries into placing personal mausoleums in the cemetery to allow the full sealed above ground burial of caskets and cremains; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cherry Grove Cemetery Advisory Board has formulated and recommended adoption of rules and regulations specifically for said new columbarium; and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has reviewed and considered said recommendations and deemed them to be reasonable, appropriate, prudent, and in the best interests of the City.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Clare City Commission hereby approves an amendment to the Cherry Grove Cemetery Rules & Regulations, said amendment attached to this Resolution as Attachment A and specifically pertaining to the sales, maintenance, and procedures governing personal mausoleums at the Cherry Grove Cemetery.

**ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INsofar AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.**

**The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**Resolution approved for adoption on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.**

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**Diane Lyon, City Clerk**