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Grant City Council gave approval to the Grant Cemetery Board to seek legal action against a resident whose placement of a memorial stone in the Grant Cemetery violates several regulations.

Last August, a request by a citizen to erect an oversized stone in Fairview Cemetery was turned down by the cemetery board because it did not meet regulations, according to board member Gerald Werner who was present at the Grant City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 10.

Werner told members of the council that the gravestone the person wished to install did not meet Grant Fairview Cemetery regulations and the person was told not to engrave it because it could not be installed. According to Werner, the resident then went ahead and had the stone engraved and installed at the cemetery in December 2008.

The cemetery board gave the person 30 days to remove the stone. When the party did not comply, the board tried to remove it but failed due to its size and placement.

That's when the Grant Cemetery Board sought permission from city council to pursue court action in forcing the removal of the gravestone in the west half of the cemetery.

In Other Business

• Mayoral Appointment: Mayor Mike Wyatt's appointment of Andrea Brueggeman to the Parks and Recreation Committee was unanimously approved by council members Dennis Hansen, Tim Pofahl, Wayne Pick and Darrell Pierce. Brueggeman will serve a two-year term on the committee.

• Styskal Replat: Discussion was held and city council tabled the matter of a replat of property on the northwest edge of town until more information can be gathered.

• Water and Lotto: Figures for water usage and lotto sales were released for February.

Water: There was an increase of nearly 700,000 gallons of water used in February compared to January. In comparing the month of February 2009 to February 2008, water usage showed an increase of 503,500 gallons.

Lotto: Keno sales at DJ's Bar and Grill totaled just over $16,230 with a payout of nearly $10,800. There were no lotto sales at Bench Warmers.