



## Department Report

Report Title: Cemetery Committee— May 2026  
Report Highlight: May 2026  
Name and Title: Chris Worick, Chairman, Dahlonega Cemetery Committee

The Dahlonega Cemetery Committee held its May meeting on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Dahlonega City Hall.

Recently Completed:

- The Cemetery Committee unanimously voted to amend its Bylaws to include a new paragraph which addresses frequent absences at scheduled meetings by committee members and possible removal from the committee. This recommendation is being forwarded to the City Attorney and City Council for final approval to amend our bylaws. (See attachment.)

Underway:

- The committee is conducting a comparison on two gravestone cleaners to determine which one is better and cost saving. The cleaning solution which has been recommended and used for years is known as D2. A new product named "Endurance" has recently come to the committee's attention which is about ten dollar per gallon cheaper than D2, and may have the same, or better results. We cleaned two headstones in Mt. Hope using D2 on one and Endurance on the other. We have been checking weekly and photographing the headstones to compare the results.



Grave of Lonnie Huff  
Before Cleaning with D2



After Cleaning



Grave of Florence Huff  
Before Cleaning with Endurance



After Cleaning

Upcoming:

- The Cemetery Committee voted on a final choice for new plants and trees to be placed at the entrance of Mt. Hope. All of the new plants are advertised to be drought resistant, heat tolerant, deer resistant, and low growth and low maintenance. Note: The recommended time for new planting is in early Fall before the first frost.



**Current view of Mt. Hope entrance**



**Conceptual view with new bushes and trees**