

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

A meeting of the Urban Forestry Council took place on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Those in attendance included Chair Mike Smith, Committee Members John Steffens, Tom Johnson, Jim Jackson, Josh Kresse, Bill Davit, and Franz Mayer; Parks and Recreation Director/Community Forestry Manager, Darren Dunkle, Parks Horticulturalist/Arborist, Josh Wargo. Members not present include Bill Davit and April Murdoch.

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting To Order – Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Kresse. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-2.

Agenda Item #4: Communications – Introduction of new committee member Tom Johnson.

Agenda Item #5: Parks Report

- a) Tree City USA – Mr. Dunkle reported that staff had submitted both the Tree City USA and Growth Award applications.
- b) Committee Reappointments – Mr. Dunkle reported that both April Murdoch and Josh Kresse terms were set to expire and wanted to know if they were interested in serving another term.
- c) Tree Trimming and Removal – Mr. Wargo reported that staff has begun tree trimming and removal efforts throughout the parks and recreation system.

Agenda Item #6: Council Report – None

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a) Plant an Oak Tree Campaign – Chairman Smith stated that the main reason for the campaign was to educate the community on the benefits of Oak Trees.

Discussion followed in regards to publicizing the campaign and Earth/Arbor Day such as using Press Releases, Face Book, E-Mail, and on the City's website and Chairman Smith giving a presentation to City Council.

- b) Camp Street Bridge Planting – Mr. Dunkle reported that he had spoken to City Administration as well as the new Director of Engineering in regards to the proposed project, and he was informed that they had never heard of the project nor had it been approved. They also stated

that there were several other projects going on and this would have to be put on the back burner and reviewed at a later date.

- c) Water Tower Scout Project – Conversation took place in regards to the possibility of placing 3 1/2” tags on the posts. Committee Member Mayer reported that he had spoken to the sawyer in regards to the posts and that they could use either Osage Orange or Black Locust.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a) EAB Management Plan – Mr. Dunkle introduced the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan and stated that the Parks and Recreation Department is recommending that the City take a balanced approach as outlined in the document. **A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Kresse to support the recommended Resolution to adopt the EAB Management Plan as submitted. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-2.**

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting – March 16, 2016

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment – A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens at 7:38 pm, seconded by Committee Member Kresse to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0-2.

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