Approved

CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
5:00 PM
Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Lauren Copple, Kristi Brown, Robert Dopp, Michael Luse
ABSENT:	Dr. Mark Farnham, City Council Liaison
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg Greg Bertoncino Jon Skinner Jason Cowen
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Lauren Copple called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Kristi Brown made a motion to approve the July 2023 minutes with a second by Robert Dopp.
OLD BUSINESS:	Paul updated the board on the Downtown Tree Replacement Project. He told the board that Simpson Lawn Care was awarded the bid. They have finished removing the 52 trees on Main Street and have started planting the replacement trees. The contract we have with Simpson Lawn Care also has a two-year watering contract. When they started removing trees on the south side of town, we noticed there was no dirt when they were previously planted. They were planted in clay and gravel which is why these trees died so quickly.
NEW BUSINESS:	He asked the board if they have had a chance to look over the Tree Planting and Maintenance Policy. (Attached) Lauren made a motion to move forward with the Tree Planting and Maintenance Policy, 2nd by Kristi. All yea.

Lauren told the board that she has been working on the Tree Inventory for the city. She told them she has completed the Complex, Golf Course, McClelland, and Parr Hill.

Paul told the board that the Arbor Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 27th, 2024. It will be at Wildcat Park from 10am – 2pm. There will be games, vendors and a band.

He also said that on Monday, April 1st, 2024, at 6pm there will be the reading of the Arbor Day proclamation at City Council meeting if any of the board members would like to attend.

Paul suggested that our next meeting Tuesday, May 28th, 2024 we have a hands-on meeting. In the past we try and have a meeting in a park to mulch. The board agreed. It will be held at Parr Hill Park.

Robert asked Paul what ever happened with the Junge Blvd project. Paul said we tabled it this year since we are doing the Main Street Project and will bring it up for next years projects.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNEMENT: Michael Luse made a motion to adjourn, second by Kristi Brown.

Nakia Endicott, Accounting Specialist

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