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# CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023
5:00 PM
Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st
Joplin, MO 64801

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| *MEMBERS PRESENT*: | Lauren Copple, Kristi Brown, Robert Dopp, Michael Luse |
| *ABSENT*: | None |
| *GUESTS:* | Paul Bloomberg<br>Greg Bertoncino<br>Jon Skinner<br>Mark Farnham |
| *MEETING CALLED TO ORDER*: | Kristi Brown called the regular meeting to order. |
| *APPROVAL OF MINUTES*: | Robert Dopp made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Michael Luse. |
| *OLD BUSINESS*: | Paul mentioned we submitted our invoices and documentations in for the MDC Community Forestry Cost-Share Grant. He told the board that we received the reimbursement for the grant already. Jon reminded the board they changed the way they do the grants on July 1, 2023. They will now rank them into tier by priority. Tier 1 would be the highest priority and would get a higher percentage back. Tier 3 would be lowest priority and get a lower percentage back. |
| *NEW BUSINESS*: | Paul told the board we have several trees that are dead on Main Street from 15th – 32nd. He has been speaking with Assistant City Manager and will be discussing what the next steps will be for the Main Street trees. They would like to take out all the Bradford Pear trees and replace them. This could be a costly project, so they are still discussing the options. We have had several business owners |

complain about these Bradford Pear trees downtown also. Jon mentioned that some of the trees on Main Street also have bag warms that need to be removed and they need lots of water. Paul also said that the trees between 15th – 32nd Street are not in our Tree Inventory so the On-Call Arborist will be working on getting them added. He also stated that Public Works has Right-A-Way Tree Inventory of all City trees so we will be working on getting them combined.

Paul told the board that we have a city policy for planting trees, but we do not have one for maintaining them. He will be working on getting a draft made up of a tree maintenance policy and bring it to the board for review.

Paul said we will be working on removing dead Park trees also this fall. This will be a huge project because there are hundreds of trees that need to be removed. We will replace some of them depending on funds. Schifferdecker has a huge tree that needs to be removed. Lauren said Landreth Park has some that also need trimmed up. She also said that Mercy Park has some Sycamore Trees that need to be removed. Paul said this will be a big fall project.

Jon told the board that EAB (Emerald Ash Bore) is in the area. He told Paul that he needs to look into treating these trees and watering them after the treatment really well. That will move the treatment through the entire tree.

*REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:* None

*ADJOURNEMENT*: Robert Dopp made a motion to adjourn, second by Kristi Brown.

Nakia Endicott, Accounting Specialist

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