

TREE MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES
September 19, 2011

The Tree Management Board was called to order by Ken Iwen on September 19, 2011 at 4:00 PM at the Street Department.

Members Present: Gary Paape, Karen Newquist, Ken Iwen, Ronni Hemm & Barb Rodgers

Moved by Hemm second by Newquist to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Rodgers second by Paape to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Public Works Update:

- Some tree damage resulted from the August 26, 2011 storm. Only 2 City and 2 Park trees had lost limbs. Gary stated that there was a lot less tree damage since the regular tree maintenance has been performed.
- There is a tree on Jefferson Street that has been hit by unknown motorist and will need to be replaced.
- A tree at the intersection of Parker Ave/Fremont St has been removed for safety.

Old Business:

- Gary presented a list of tree removals which include the 8-9 trees if the Washington Street project is approved.
- Tree City USA and Tree Growth Award applications have been completed and will be submitted with meeting minutes.

New Business:

- Gary reported that at this time \$3,000 is still in the budget for tree purchases which will be about 27 trees.
- The Utility Manager is not interested in participating in the Tree Underline Replacement Program. This had been a successful program to remove old trees under power lines. The Utility would top and do extensive trimming around the wires and the City would removal and plant new appropriate sized trees. The Utility had usually paid for the new trees.
- Future Planting Sites – The Committee discussed reserving 8-9 trees to replace trees taken down for the Washington Street project. The Committee also discussed sites for approximately 15 remaining trees. The Committee is looking to plant 8 or more trees in one area for more impact.
- Arbor Day – A flyer for the movie called “Green Fire” about conservation and the environmental movement was distributed to the Committee members as a possible Arbor Day Event. The Committee discussed making the 3rd Grade Arbor Day Tree Planting an annual event.

Next meeting date is set for October 18th at 4:00 PM at the Street Department.

Moved by Newquist second by Hemm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.