

Maquoketa Tree Board
1-8-2024 @ 5:00 P.M.

Present: Amanda River, Ashley River, DeAnn Montoya, Elaine Edwards, Glenn Short

Absent: None

Others: Jan Ketelsen

The City of Maquoketa Tree Board met with no audience. The Agenda was approved on a motion by Elaine and Amanda and the minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion by DeAnn and Amanda.

The financials were reviewed with no changes. Jan indicated that she has contacted Steines Logging regarding his bill for tree removals but still has not received. The bill needs to be paid before end of fiscal year which is June 30th.

DeAnn related that we will not be participating in the carbon credit program due to Trees Forever deciding to drop the program as it's not cost effective. This message came from Nick our Representative from Trees Forever.

A discussion was held on the Trees Forever/Black Hills grant that was submitted in November. We should hear in March whether Maquoketa will be awarded funds for the Private Tree Program. A letter will be sent to those receiving trees and if not funded fully, a letter will be sent to those not receiving a tree. After award notification, the Board will decide how many trees the award will buy and how many the Board may purchase utilizing budget dollars. DeAnn prepared a letter that will go to tree recipients and Glenn will also submit the letter to Black Hills Energy for approval.

There were 2 tree complaints received by City Hall, one at 311 S 2nd and one from 315 S 2nd. It was determined that the complaints were from 2 neighbors but for the same tree. Board Members will review the tree and decision made at February meeting.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by DeAnn and Elaine