

Maquoketa Tree Board
11-13-2023 @ 5:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Glenn Short

Others: Jan Ketelsen

The City of Maquoketa Tree Board met on November 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall with no Audience. The Agenda was approved on a motion by Amanda and Elaine and the Minutes of the October 9, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Amanda and Ashley.

The financials were reviewed with very little change from previous meeting.

Montoya updated the Board on her conversation with Nick, the Trees Forever Rep, on the Carbon Credit Program. She has submitted the list of 122 trees to him with hopes that all have survived replanting and drought during 2023. He should be here during the winter to map and inventory the trees to give the City an amount that can be expected from the program.

It was related that there were a total of 40 homeowners that had applied for free trees this year. Buying trees for all would be \$2,200 over the 2024 grant if fully funded by the maximum amount. The grant will be sent by the due date and should be awarded in March.

Two tree complaints and the following decisions were sent to person submitting complaint: 306 N 2nd by Valerie Williams - "It is impossible to tell condition of tree in late fall/winter so we will evaluate again in spring as too late to add to 2023 removal list. Will also place this tree on watch list". 404 S 4th by Amy Fisher - "we do not remove live trees but will be placed on watch list to review for deterioration annually."

In other business, the City of Maquoketa Tree Inventory was discussed as Edward related the importance of having an inventory that is kept current but no funds to obtain at this time due to removals from Ash Borer.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Elaine and Amanda