

The City of Maquoketa Tree Board met on October 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers with Montoya, Muhlhausen, Edwards, Short, and Ketelsen from City Offices in attendance. There was no audience. The Agenda was approved on a motion by Montoya and Short and September Minutes were approved on a motion by Short and Montoya.

A short discussion was held on the Finance Report as there was very little change.

Discussion was held on the 2 bids received for tree removal and on a motion by Edwards and Short, the bid from Gil's Tree service was recommended to go to City Council for approval. Locations were removed to bring the final approved list to the budget limit of \$25,000.

The Private Tree Program was discussed and it was decided due to the next Trees Forever/Black Hills Energy grant deadline being November 1st, to not have a private tree program this grant cycle. This will give us time to advertise and receive timely applications for the trees for the next grant cycle or possibly for a DNR grant again for the next year. Especially in light of the number of ash trees being removed on private property.

Montoya will complete the Trees Forever/Black Hills grant application for \$5,000 which will be for trees in the Boulevard to complete West Platt and Boulevards on North Main Street and South Main from Maple south. And if there are extra trees available, we will complete the south portion of 2nd St. Boulevards.

Ash Tree treatment was also discussed as we are too late for treatment in 2022. It was decided to ask DNR and Trees Forever consultants to receive their opinion on whether to continue treatment. Edwards voiced a desire to continue for at least one more treatment to gain a little time to decide how to proceed, plant new trees and see if a borer treatment is formulated.

Discussion was held on the plantings for the DNR and Trees Forever grants, what to have for refreshments, who would help and general plans. It was related that Public Works is renting an auger for drilling holes to speed up the planting process as they have so many trees to plant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Elaine Edwards