

The City of Maquoketa Tree Board met on August 8, 2022 at City Hall at 5:00 p.m. with Muhlhausen, Montoya, Edwards and Ketelsen from City Offices in attendance and Boldt here for a portion of the meeting. There was no audience. The agenda was approved on motion by Montoya and Edwards and June minutes approved on motion by Edwards and Montoya.

Boldt acknowledged that the late submission of one tree removal invoice had caused problems with the timing of future removals and said that he intends to file a budget amendment to increase the 2022/23 budget by \$5,000 as there are many hazard ash trees on city property that need to be removed in this budget year. And as well, will increase the grants budget by \$5,000 so that the Tree Board can apply for the DNR Community Forestry grant to replace Derecho and ash tree losses, which has a maximum of \$5,000 in reimbursable funds.

Before Boldt had to leave, Edwards asked what the procedure will be in the future on private hazard/dead ash tree removals. She indicated that the Tree Board, City Hall, Public Works and all involved should be advised of correct procedure and that communication is extremely important so that all impart the same message to land owners. Boldt will go over ordinance and the legality of current process and get back to us at our next meeting.

A short discussion was held on the two trees ordered with Tree Board budget in addition to the grant 21/22 trees. It was decided that the person wanting for private planting would still receive if an application is completed and the last tree location will be decided at our next meeting.

Discussion was held on two complaints received and it was decided on motion by Montoya and Edwards to send letter to private tree owner that a complaint has been received regarding the tree at 618 S 5th. The letter will not require removal at this time. This is the second complaint on the tree from neighbor, Arensdorf. And the tree at 916 Cardinal Drive has been removed by owner and no longer a hazard.

Discussion was held on the DNR grant to be used for replacing ash and derecho tree removals. Edwards related that she gave a copy of grant applications to: Jackson County, Conservation Commission, J C Historical Society, Maquoketa School District and that the Green Space Committee also has copies from Boldt. On a motion by Edwards and Muhlhausen, It was decided to apply for 15 trees removed from City Parks per the list and to apply for 10 trees to replace Platt Street Trees removed for construction. Those for Parks are: 5th Ward - 5, 1st Ward - 3, Grove Street - 2, Horseshoe - 3, and Little Bear - 2. And Platt Street trees will be decided at next meeting. The total amount will be for \$5,000 according to costs and availability of trees.

On a motion by Montoya and Edwards, it was decided to request bids to remove trees per the list provided by Edwards which includes 21 removal and stump grinding and 4 additional stump removals. It was decided to break into wards in case we need to delay into 23/24 budget some removals due to budget constraints. The bids will include stump cleanup, filling and leveling.

A motion by Montoya and Edwards to request bids for ash tree treatment per the same list used 2 years ago was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Elaine Edwards