

The City of Maquoketa Tree Board met on June 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. with Muhlhausen, Short, Montoya, Edwards off the Board and Ketelsen from City in attendance. The Agenda was approved on a motion by Edwards and Short. And the May minutes were approved on a motion by Short and Edwards.

A discussion was held on the financials as there was some confusion on the remaining balance of our budget. We were informed that there's a bill from 21/22 removals for approximately \$7,000 to be paid from the 22/23 budget. If that amount is to be paid from 22/23 along with \$4,000 for ash tree treatment and misc of \$1,000, that would leave about \$13,000 for 22/23 removals and with 25 trees and 5 additional stumps, some will have to be delayed until next fiscal year. But Muhlhausen thought there was \$16,000 remaining in the 21/22 budget that could be utilized for the \$7,000 bill. Nobody could address the question of remaining balance. Andrea is to respond with more information.

Edwards handed out the 22/23 removal list with notation of 5 stumps are included and decision has to be made on whether to remove or let to continue rotting away. Since looks so bad, consensus was to probably include in the bids. Edwards also stated tree at 206 E Locust is a wire hazard and Ketelsen related that MMEU has been contacted about that tree. Ketelsen also related that a work order has been submitted for those needing measuring to determine City or Private tree. Board members will look at, rank, and return list at our next meeting so bids can be obtained. Also, on. Motion by Montoya and Short, it was moved to submit a work order for PW to remove small dead tree at Horseshoe Pond Campground when time permits.

A discussion was held on hazard tree at 406 S Main as Tree was damaged during derecho and deemed a hazard due to close proximity to Middle School. On motion by Short and Montoya, it was moved to send hazard letter to owner for removal. It was also related that the letter was sent for removal of hazard tree at 110 N Niagara and the new owner is disputing a couple items: 1) is this tree on his property or on neighbor and his property and 2) should he or prior owner have to take down. Discussion was held and it is our position that is not our responsibility to determine either question. But tree needs to come down.

Discussion was again held on where 2 additional trees included in grant for this fall planting should go. Short related that he knew of 1 private owner that wanted a tree and the application will be given to that person. If completed, that would leave 1 tree to decide where to plant. And Ketelsen related that she had a request from someone wanting to plant a tree in City ROW. It was suggested that maybe a site might be found on Jacobsen since there is one dead and a couple of during trees that may need replacement shortly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Elaine Edwards