

The City of Maquoketa Tree Board met on April 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall with Muhlhausen, Montoya, Edwards and Ketelsen from City in attendance. There was no audience. The Agenda and minutes of March 13th meeting were approved on a motion by Edwards and Montoya.

The Board reviewed the financials with the note that there had been a change in the removals budget line item which reflects the total amount spent.

One tree complaint at 1005 Kathy Dr. was reviewed and determined that this is County property and therefore not a City tree and complaint will be forwarded to proper owner. It was later reported that Public Works removed hazard limb. Also, the complaint from Laurie Steines at 207 S Prospect was reviewed and from email consensus it was decided to send letter stating that the trimming will be placed on next "23/24 Removal List" for review and rating as the Tree Board can't do anything until after July 1st and in the next budget year. It was also mentioned that Gil's Tree Service indicated the branch felt to be a hazard can only be removed by parking his bucket truck in Rubel's yard and Rubel's denied that access. Also, from e mail consensus, the complaint for 217 N. Olive was to place on "23/24 Removal List" and review and rate. This same complaint was made last year. On a motion by Montoya and Edwards, the responses to the complaints was approved. It is anticipated that by next meeting in May, Edwards should have a "23/24 Removal list" started for review and rating.

For the DNR and Trees Forever grants, letters went out to property owners where the trees will be planted in adjoining boulevards. At this point there have been three property owners that have contacted City to decline the tree in their boulevards. Montoya will contact Iowa One Call to make sure it is clear to dig for the plantings. The planting date is May 3rd with the 4th being the rain date. Ketelsen will obtain the water, etc. for volunteers. The DNR grant is to supply trees for Main Street Boulevards and Horseshoe Campground as well as Tree Diapers from Wagner Nursery and the Trees Forever Grant is for finishing West Platt Street plantings and will come from Kelly Tree Farm.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Elaine Edwards